Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2014

AOA Directors: Julie Delaney, John Ferrante, Steve Hull, Wayne Jarvis, Dianna Jordan, Andy Merriwether, Scott Miller, Tom Petersen, Bonnie Potter, Laurel Shouvlin

Executive Director: Darby Vannier

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers for the new organization.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Darby Vannier at 8:20 p.m. CST.

Prelude:

It was believed that the merger would have been finalized earlier, on this day. This understanding was held by AOA attorney, Sheri Visani; Executive Director, Darby Vannier; and the entire AOA BOD. A meeting had been pre-scheduled to elect officers as soon as the merger was complete. It was also understood that the application process for merger could be completed on-line. Earlier today, this was found to be incorrect. The merger would proceed, in person, but would have to be finalized later in the week. Because of scheduling challenges for BOD personnel another meeting time this week was unlikely. With that knowledge, Sheri Visani advised that the planned meeting proceed as intended and that a ratification of decisions made there, be conducted after the merger was effective.

Before the nomination process began, John Ferrante requested that a few housekeeping items be maintained. John's request included, that minutes be kept and subsequently posted and that the discussion for each officer's position be treated individually and completed before moving on to the next position.

It was agreed that Scott Miller will keep the minutes for this meeting.

Note: The following portion of the minutes will be dedicated to the election process. Without exception, each person nominated to serve in a specific position, was asked to communicate their vision for the new organization, expound on their lifetime experience, and explain why this experience would allow them to excel in their new post. Following each proclamation, individual fellow board members were allowed to ask questions.

Nominations: President

Dianna Jordan nominated Bonnie Potter.
Steve Hull nominated John Ferrante.
Steve Hull nominated Dianna Jordan. Dianna Jordan declined the nomination.

Discussion followed, centering around the objectives noted above.

Immediately prior to the vote, Tom Petersen asked how much time would need to be dedicated to the new organization, each week, by the president. Darby Vannier responded that through the first six to eight months the new president would work approximately 5 to 15 hours per week, excluding phone calls.

With this new understanding, John Ferrante withdrew his nomination because of the time commitment.

Motion: Steve Hull moved to approve Bonnie Potter as the AOA President in 2014. Tom Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 10–0.

At this time, Darby Vannier turn the meeting over to Bonnie Potter.

Nominations: Vice President

Steve Hull nominated John Ferrante.
Laurel Shouvlin nominated Dianna Jordan.

Discussion followed centering around the objectives noted above. Each individual felt as though the time constraints of this position were acceptable to their schedules. Nominations were closed and the vote conducted. The final vote demonstrated eight votes for Dianna Jordan and two votes for John Ferrante.

Dianna Jordan will serve as the Vice President of the AOA in 2014.

Nominations: Secretary

Andy Merriwether nominated Laurel Shouvlin.
John Ferrante nominated Steve Hull.

Discussion followed centering around the objectives noted above. Each individual agreed that they desired to serve as Association Secretary. Nominations were closed and the vote was conducted. The final vote had six votes for Laurel Shouvlin and four votes for Steve Hull.

Laurel Shouvlin will serve as the Association Secretary in 2014.

Nomination: Treasurer

Andy Merriwether nominated Julie Delaney. No other nominations were put forth.

Discussion followed centering around the objectives noted above. Julie acknowledged the desire to serve as Association Treasurer. Bonnie Potter called for a vote to approve. The nomination was approved unanimously, 10–0.

Julie Delaney will serve as the Association Treasurer in 2014.

Face to Face: With voting complete; Darby Vannier provided information for the forthcoming Face to Face meeting of the new board.

Adjourn: Scott Miller move to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. CST.

Submitted,
Scott Miller
Director