



**2020 WOMEN'S COUNCIL NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
MIDYEAR MEETING
Friday, May 15th, 2020 — 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Virtual meeting on zoom (note: meeting was recorded)**

*** note, meeting was actually held from 1:45pm to 4:25pm to account for online voting instructions and learning curve of system*

Disclaimer: Minutes approved by First Vice President Sylvia Seabolt and the leadership team on 5/18/20, signatures are omitted for privacy purposes. Minutes are posted online immediately following approval

Chair: 2020 National President Brenda Lee Szlachta (MI).

The meeting was called to order at 2:11pm by President Szlachta. With 68 Governing Board members signed in, a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance – Missy Starling (TX)

Inspiration – Penne Vincent (NY)

Meeting Ground Rules — 2020 National President Brenda Lee Szlachta

Brenda Lee reviewed the ground rules for the Governing Board Meeting. The ground rules were approved as read.

The Leadership Team reported that the November Governing Board minutes were approved as written.

Approval of Agendas — 2020 National President Brenda Lee Szlachta

The Main Agenda and the Consent Agenda were approved without objection.

Presentation by Leslie Rouda Smith

2021 NAR President elect Leslie Rouda Smith addressed the governing board, gave an NAR update, and shared her Women's Council journey.

Motion. 1 motion was approved as follows:

In Article IX, section 1-D, that the bylaws be amended to strike the words “~~most recent past~~” and “~~shall be~~” and insert “immediate past” and “shall appoint a Past National President” and “as”

Finance & Budget Report—2020 Treasurer Chris Pelkola Lee

Chris Pelkola Lee reviewed the 2020 1st quarter financial statements and the 2019 year-end financial results and annual report.

Election of Governing Board Members to the 2021 Executive Committee

Note, this was the first time elections were moved to midyear meeting to comply with new bylaws.

President Szlachta opened nominations for two Governing Board members to serve on the Executive Committee for three-year terms, to start on the Tuesday after the November 2020 meetings.

President Szlachta reviewed the election rules for the open positions (2). There were four nominations. Each candidate spoke for 2 minutes each.

Katie Weaver (MI) received 50 votes, Fiona Theseira (CA) received 49 votes. Christine Citrano (FL) received 45 votes and Elisabeth Ortega (AZ) received 22 votes. President elect Pamela Banks (FL) will make appointments on other positions prior to the November meetings and all appointments at that time will be ratified. Katie Weaver and Fiona Theseira will serve effective November 2020.

Note that in past minutes it will be noted that this vote is done by plurality where there are 2 rounds of voting. We changed the process this year due to online voting complexities and to provide uniformity to the new nominating committee election for governing board members. All candidates were advised of the new format one week prior to election and no candidate objected to the new voting format. Going forward, for electronic voting, this methodology will be implemented. It is important to note that neither standing rules nor bylaws indicate that voting must be done by plurality.

Election of Nominating Committee Members from Governing board

Note, this was the first time elections for nominating were held at the midyear meeting to comply with new bylaws.

There were six names on the ballot who filed a consent to serve prior to the meetings. Sam Powell received 44 votes, Lori Muller received 42 votes, Regina Scott received 29 votes, Carolyn Altman received 21 votes, Alison Socha received 15 votes and Lin Van Meter received 6 votes. Sam Powell and Lori Muller will serve on nominating, with Regina Scott and Carolyn Altman serving as 3rd and 4th alternate, in that order.

Miscellaneous Presentations

- Each Women's Council liaison to NAR gave an overview of their area via a "need to know" info-share session.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.