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Minutes

December 13, 2023

Board of Governors Virtual Meeting

President George Guy called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Board liaison Sylvia Bowen called the roll, a quorum was established, and requests for excused absences were announced.

ROLL CALL AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Action: Bobby Collins made a motion, seconded by Michael Wong, to approve the excused absences of Renee Smith, Patricia Wells, Jennifer Keogh, Betsy Soto, Joseph D'Ascoli, Sharon Carlson, Preston Prince, Janice Kimball and Damon Duncan. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Anthony Goodson made a motion, seconded by David Gates, to approve the October. 6, 2023, minutes as submitted. The motion carried.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ORIENTATION

President Guy called on Board liaison Sylvia Bowen to present the orientation.

ELECTION OF BECT TRUSTEES: Three Trustees (four-year terms)

Board liaison Sylvia Bowen reported the results of the election.

Regional Presidents submitted nominees for the election ballots: Carol Branham, Nevada, MO; Donna Dunwoody, Moberly, MO; Eric Lane, Tukwila, WA; and Helen Verhasselt, Billings, MT. Carol Branham, Eric Lane, and Helen Verhasselt received the highest number of votes.

Action: David Lang made a motion, seconded by Milet Hopping to seat Carol Branham, Eric Lane, and Helen Verhasselt on the BECT. The motion carried.

REPORTS

President George Guy submitted a written report. He shared highlights of the Strategic Planning Retreat held in Atlanta, December 7-9, 2023. He announced two issues that we will focus on during his presidency, an internship program to introduce college students to the industry, particularly Historically Black Colleges and homelessness. He will discuss these initiatives with the Steering Committee later this month.

George Guy, President; Sean Gilbert, SPHM, NAHRO Fellow, Senior Vice President; Renee Smith NCC, Vice President - Commissioners; David S. Gates, CSO-PH, CSEC-PH, CMPO, C-PHM, CME Vice President - Professional Development Jeff du Manoir, Vice President-International Research and Global Exchange; Duane Hopkins, CME, Vice President-Budget & Administration; Shaunté Evans MBA, PHM, Vice President-Member Services; Grace Stepter, Vice President-Community Revitalization and Development; Lanita Hillen, Vice President-Housing, Mark Thiele, CS-PHM, CME, CMVO, NCC, Chief Executive Officer

Senior Vice President Sean Gilbert submitted a written report. He is pleased to serve NAHRO in this capacity.

CEO Mark Thiele thanked Board members for their participation in the Retreat. He then called on Directors to discuss their departmental successes this year and their priorities for 2024.

BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

2024 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Chair Duane Hopkins presented the 2024 budget, which includes: a total revenue of \$9,257,950, a total expense of \$9,252,156, and a net surplus of \$5,794.

Action: Duane Hopkins made a motion, seconded by Mike Gerber, to approve the 2024 budget proposal as submitted. The motion carried.

HIGHLIGHTS: COMMITTEES

Committee Chairs presented overviews of meetings held following the National Conference and Exhibition in New Orleans. Conversely, they discussed plans for upcoming meetings if they had yet convened their committees. Mike Gerber presented highlights of the Strategic Planning Retreat on behalf of Chair Jennifer Keogh. Gloria O'Neal reported in the absence of BPC Chair Damon Duncan.

HIGHLIGHTS: REGIONAL PRESIDENTS

Regional Presidents submitted written reports and made brief comments, except that SERC Regional President Anthony Goodson presented an oral report, Jim Dewey reported on behalf of NCRC, and Dana Miller reported on behalf of MPRC.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Parliamentarian Senghor Manns advised the Board of a request for an excused absence from Tonya Mabry, Past President of SWRC, that was received following the Board's approval of excused absences earlier during this meeting. The Parliamentarian recommended that the Board re-open this matter so that the Board could act on the request.

Action: Carl Richie made a motion, seconded by Don Swift, to reconsider the vote for approval of excused absences and to approve Tonya Mabry's request for an excused absence. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Staff departed the meeting while the Board convened in executive session. Following the executive session, the Board re-convened in open session.

There being no additional business, President Guy called for a motion to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Action: Milet Hopping made a motion, seconded by Lee Talmage, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Members Present: Officers: George Guy, Sean Gilbert, Jeff du Manoir, Shaunté Evans, David Gates, Lanita Hillen, Duane Hopkins, Grace Stepter, and Renee Smith. **Past Presidents:** Carl Richie and Sunny Shaw.

Chairs of other Leadership Groups: Anna Judge, Tiffany Mangum, Clif Martin, Ivory Mathews, Denise Riley. **NERC:** Rhonda Mitchell. **MARC:** Gina Gibson, Kathy Walter, Paul Diggs, and Vernon Lawrence. **NCRC:** Alan Zais, Lee Talmage, and Jim Dewey. **SERC:** Anthony Goodson, Shaundra Clark, James Cox, Michael Wong, and Yvonda Bean. **SWRC:** Milet Hopping, David Lange, Bobby Collins, Richard Herrington, and Mike Gerber. **PSW:** Don Swift, Suket Dayal, and Christina Stokes-Johnson. **PNWRC:** Lori McGowan and Lori Rosendahl. **MPRC:** Dana Miller and Julie Brewen. **HDLI Rep.** Ricardo Gilmore. **Board Parliamentarian** Senghor Manns. **Guest:** Gloria O'Neal, Vice Chair of the BPC.

Staff Present: CEO Mark Thiele, COO Salome Aringo, and the NAHRO Team.

Excused Absences: Officer: Renee Smith. **Past President:** Patricia Wells. **Chairs:** Jennifer Keogh and Damon Duncan. **NERC:** Betsy Soto and Joseph D'Ascoli. **NCRC:** Sharon Carlson. **SW:** Tonya Mabry. **PSW:** Preston Prince. **MPRC:** Janice Kimball. **Members Absent: NERC:** Randy Waters. **PNRC:** Andy Rodriguez and Jillian Patterson.