

Business Professionals of America (BPA)
Special Annual Corporate Virtual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 30, 2020 – 1:00 EDT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Cedric Bandoh called the 2020 Annual Corporate Virtual Meeting of Business Professionals of America (BPA) to order at 1:01 pm EDT

Cedric announced the order of elections for Board of Trustees will be State Advisor, At-Large, and then Middle Level Local Advisor. There were no objections. The order was approved by unanimous consent.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Debbie Darnell conducted the Roll Call. A quorum was present.

Present:

Alaska (ML, S, PS) – Amy Riddle
Delaware (ML, S) – Lisa Wilson
Florida (ML, S, PS) – Devin Alexander
Idaho (S) – Shauna Williams
Idaho (PS) – Brenda Jacobsen
Illinois (ML, S, PS) – Glenna Pyzik
Indiana (ML, S) – Jason Hendrickson
Iowa (S, PS) – Deb Jones
Kansas (ML, S, PS) – Marcy Cross
Massachusetts (S, PS) – Kristin McManus
Michigan (PS) – Maurice Henderson
Michigan (S) - Jordan Weber
Minnesota (ML, S) – Jackie Schiller
Minnesota (PS) – Deb Schwager
Montana (ML, S, PS) – Lisa Parker
New Mexico (ML, S) – Christine Phipps
Ohio (ML, S) – Crystal Dortch
Ohio (PS) – Roger Fulk
Oklahoma (ML, S, PS) – Paxton Cavin
Texas (ML, S, PS) – Diana Weber; Athena Frank, Proxy
Wisconsin (PS) – Dianne Carroll
Alumni Division – Darlene Uren

Absent:

Michigan (ML) – Melanie Tomaski
South Carolina (ML, S) – Jennifer Molnar; Diana Weber, Proxy

Guests:

Lou Ann Ross, Angie Benson, Nate Cradit, Athena Frank, Amy Hollingsworth,
Cassandra Lindo, Natasha Smith, Evan Wolff, Brigitte Bethea, Ric Cowles, Heather

Bunning, Patrick Schultz, Jonathan Smith, Kevin Benjamin, Chad Bobb, CJ Cavin, Donna Corder, Pankto Desai, Trent Hughes, Rick Jester, Judith McKinstry, Halle Smith, and Marcus Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

Glenna Pyzik moved to adopt the minutes as corrected. Deb Schwager seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected and will be placed on file.

Cedric Bandoh announced with unanimous consent that the Code of Regulations Committee will make their report at the 2021 Corporate Meeting.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Cedric appointed Nate Cradit and Evan Wolff as tellers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Amy Riddle moved to approve the board election voting procedures that are outlined on pages 12-13 of the 2020 Special Annual Corporate Meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Dianne Carroll.

Maurice Henderson moved to amend the proposed rules by striking out #1 on page 12, regarding the calling of a special corporate meeting, in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Jordan Weber. Motion adopted.

Maurice Henderson moved to amend the proposed rules by striking out #4a (Maximum length of speech is two minutes. There will be a timekeeper. The speech will be stopped at two minutes.) and inserting it at the end of item #2 (BOT Candidates will be given the opportunity to give speeches. Maximum length of candidate speeches is two minutes.) and therefore striking out the stem of item #4 (Nominees from the floor will be allowed the opportunity to make a speech.) in its entirety. Motion seconded by Devin Alexander. Motion adopted.

Maurice Henderson moved to amend the proposed rules by striking out #5a, i. 1 (A recorded video tutorial for using Election Runner will be provided to all Corporate Members.) Motion was seconded by Jason Hendrickson. Motion adopted.

Maurice Henderson moved to amend the proposed rules #5 (Tellers will be appointed by the meeting chair.) by adding the tellers will include two non-voting member and two voting members. The tellers have access to verify voting tallies in Election Runner. Motion seconded by Christine Phipps. Division was called. A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted.

The Chair, Cedric Bandoh, appointed Maurice Henderson and Deb Schwager as the two additional tellers.

Deb Jones moved to adopt rules as amended. Jason Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

Amy Riddle presented the Nominating Committee Report.
State Advisor: Dianne Carroll, Jason Hendrickson
At-Large Member: CJ Cavin, Kelly Munro
Middle Level Advisor: Amy Hollingsworth, Trent Hughes

BOARD ELECTIONS (2020-2023 TERM)

Each candidate was given up to 2 minutes for a speech. (Vice Chair, Natasha Smith was appointed as timekeeper)

State Advisor Representative

Dianne Carroll
Jason Hendrickson
Jason Hendrickson elected

At-Large Representative

CJ Cavin
Kelly Munro (Kelly was not in attendance. Amy Riddle read her speech)
Dr. Lisa Wilson nominated Rich Jester from the floor. He accepted.
Deb Schwager nominated Dianne Carroll from the floor. She accepted.

Maurice Henderson moved that in any contested elections where there are more than two candidates, if there is no candidate receiving a majority vote, the candidate with the lowest vote will be removed from any subsequent ballots. Motion adopted.

Amy Riddle moved that if there is no candidate with the majority after the second vote, that the run-off election would move to the two candidates who received the most votes. The motion was seconded by Deb Schwager. Maurice moved to amend the motion to add “to rescind the previous election motion” to the beginning of the main motion. Jordan Weber seconded the motion. Amended motion adopted. The body proceeded to vote on main motion. Main motion adopted.

The two candidates receiving the highest votes were Dianne Carroll and Kelly Munro.
Dianne Carroll elected.

Middle-Level Local Advisor Representative

Amy Hollingsworth
Trent Hughes
Trent Hughes elected.

FINANCE REPORT

Athena Frank, Treasurer gave the financial report by reviewing the Annual Audit Report and reviewing the current financial statements.

NATIONAL CENTER REPORT

LouAnn Ross gave the National Center report. She highlighted accomplishments this year: Learning management system. Medical cluster for competitive events. Updated student certification series. Assisted 10 states with new websites. Assisted with new branding and in-house marketing materials. Increased student engagement with BPA. Multi-lingual website. New National Virtual website and marketing materials. Supported Ohio SLC virtually. First in-house virtual awards celebration. Working with some states for new memberships.

She stated that we are not sure what the future holds with schools reopening and pandemic. But LMS may position us for virtual positioning.

Mr. Henderson requested information from National Officer Presidents in writing to corporate body and asked financial related questions.

Ric will follow-up in writing on question #7: Why is there such a large variance in the Operations/Market Place expense since \$510 was budgeted in FY2020, but the FY2020 Actual is \$13,556?

Devin Alexander asked if state associations will be contacted about data for membership as the new year begins. Dr. Ross answered that they would be contacted.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Cedric Bandoh, adjourned the 2020 Special Corporate Virtual Meeting of Business Professionals of America at 3:31 pm EDT.

Debbie Darnell, Secretary