



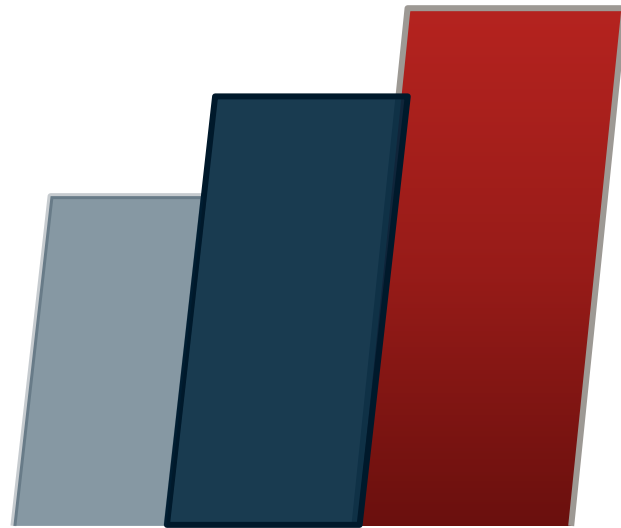
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Special Meeting Minutes
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Call to Order

Board Chair, Devin Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM ET.

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Secretary, Andrea Sutherland conducted the roll call, and a quorum was established.

Present: Devin Alexander, Breezy Gutierrez (Proxy: Andrea Sutherland, if needed), Andrea Sutherland, Athena Frank, Owen Hamilton, Victoria Pinarreta, Amy McClure, Brenda Menahan (Proxy: Lisa Parker, if needed), Kelly Munro, Lisa Parker, Kimberly Goodman (joined at 6:06 PM ET).

Absent: Layan Ahmed (Proxy: Victoria Pinarreta), Terry Carrera (Proxy: Athena Frank)

Guests: Jonathan Smith

Treasurer Report

Treasurer, Athena Frank shared that the finance report and financial statements were available in Board Effect. The Treasurer's Report reflects operations through February at about \$200,000 above projections for the period. The increase correlates with increases in membership dues.

Kimberly Goodman joined at 6:06 PM.

NLC Professional Awards Approval

Chair, Brenda Menahan shared that the committee had recommendations for the 2025 Outstanding Service Award and Hall of Fame recipients. Pam Conley from the Wisconsin Alumni Division was



nominated for the Outstanding Service Award. Brenda provided a summary of her nomination. Lisa Parker moved to honor Pam Conley with the 2025 Outstanding Service Award. Terry Carrera seconded the motion. Chair, Devin called for a no objection vote. There were no objections, and Pam Conley was designated as the 2025 Outstanding Service Award recipient.

Carol Hartman of Wisconsin BPA (posthumously) and Andrea Sutherland from the Massachusetts and National Alumni Association were nominated for the Hall of Fame Award. Brenda provided a summary of both nominations. Athena Frank moved accept both nominees into the BPA Hall of Fame. Amy McClure seconded the motion. Chair, Devin called for a no objection vote. There were no objections, and Carol Hartman and Andrea Sutherland were designated as the 2025 Hall of Fame Award recipients.

NLC 2027: Gaylord Rockies

Chair, Devin outlined that there were two options for the 2027 Gaylord Rockies NLC. The first being accepting the revised contract with two future dates contracted with the Gaylord Rockies, or to keep the current contract for NLC 2027. He stated the cancelled fee of the original contract would result in a about a \$2,200,000 cancellation fee. Lisa Parker stated that the consensus with the SAAC members she spoke to was that they did not want to add an additional year at the Gaylord Rockies. She shared additional concerns with this NLC site.

Breezy Gutierrez exited the meeting at 6:34 PM ET.

The Board and Jonathan Smith continued discussion on the concerns, which included judges tours, room rates, distance to downtown, transportation, and more. The Board came to a consensus to continue with the Gaylord Rockies as the 2027 NLC site.

Adjournment

Chair, Devin called for a no objection vote to adjourn the meeting. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM ET.