

Minutes of the Northeast Oklahoma ASTD Board Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2013

This meeting was held via teleconference.

Present:

Chris Woodard, President

Skip Eller, VP Membership

Walt Hansmann, VP Marketing/Communications

Steve Laswell, VP Programs

Jim Rhea, VP Awards

Tracey Warland-Panhofer, Treasurer

Hannah Staub, Advisory Director - Special Interest Groups

Shane Norrid, VP Special Programs (dropped off the call early)

Vera Pell, Advisory Director - Social Media and Communications (joined the call late)

Absent:

Launa Marcom, VP Accommodations

Susan McMurray, Secretary

Also present were Melanie Ciupak and Larry Straining, both are 2014 incoming board members.

Call to Order

President Chris Woodard called the Board Meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

As Susan McMurray was not present, Chris asked Walt Hansmann to act as Secretary.

Establishment of Quorum

Walt took a roll call of the members. At the time of the roll call, eight (8) of the eleven (11) Board Members were present. A quorum was established.

New Business

Chris explained that he and Skip had received a notice from Vera Pell, tendering her resignation as 2014 President-Elect, effective immediately. Skip read the message from Vera to the Board. A brief discussion followed.

Chris and Skip explained they had engaged Walt in a discussion about process in keeping with the Bylaws. Walt explained a series of possible actions the Board could consider: Accept Vera's resignation; appoint an interim president; nominate candidates for the office of 2014 president.

Steve Laswell moved, Jim Rhea seconded, to accept, with deep regret, Vera Pell's resignation as 2014 President-Elect, effective immediately. There was brief discussion. Walt conducted a roll call vote. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

Vera Pell joined the call. Walt brought Vera up-to-date on the action taken thus far. A brief discussion was held between Board members and Vera.

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Steve Laswell moved, Jim Rhea seconded, to appoint Chris Woodard as interim 2014 president until a 2014 president is elected. Chris asked to clarify that this was intended to be a short-term position, and that the Board anticipated that the membership would elect a 2014 President at its January 10th meeting. Everyone agreed that is the intent. Walt conducted a roll call vote. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

Chris Woodard asked if there were any nominations for the vacant office of 2014 President-Elect / 2014 President.

Walt nominated Larry Straining.

Chris nominated Walt Hansmann.

Hannah nominated Skip Eller.

Shane nominated Stave Laswell.

Each nominee was asked to respond to the nomination.

Larry Straining accepted the nomination.

Walt Hansmann declined the nomination.

Skip Eller declined the nomination.

Steve Laswell accepted the nomination.

Jim moved, Hannah seconded, to put forward to the membership for election, the names of Larry Straining and Steve Laswell to fill the position of 2014 President. There was considerable discussion.

Chris voiced concern about putting more than one person's name forward, and the affect it could have to divide the chapter. Walt expressed that there was no adversarial issues at hand, just a vacant spot to be filled by a member vote. Others expressed their opinions as well.

The question of process was discussed. Should the nominees be given time to speak to the membership at the meeting prior to the vote being taken. Chris expressed that he thought that would be awkward. Several members expressed that they did want to see adversarial campaigning or electioneering.

Skip recommended that a questionnaire be developed and given to the nominees to complete. The completed information can be posted on the chapter web site for members to view. Chris asked Walt and Skip to work on the questionnaire and get it to the nominees before the weekend.

Shane dropped off the call.

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Chris asked how the membership meeting would flow, and how the voting would take place. Walt explained that we would develop an agenda and make it available to members. Chris would call the meeting to order. There is no Old Business. The New Business has two items: Election of the 2014 President; and approval of the proposed Bylaws. There was a discussion about voting procedure. Chris felt a voice vote would be uncomfortable. Skip suggested a written ballot. Only then-current members in good standing are allowed to vote. Walt explained a written ballot would be collected by designated ballot collectors. Once all ballots were collected, the collectors would leave the room, count the ballots, and return with the result on a slip of paper to be given to Chris, who would then announce the result. Chris felt this process was more desirable than a voice vote, of hand vote. Skip and Walt will work out the procedure before the meeting, and work with Chris on meeting flow and Parliamentary Procedure.

Seeing no further discussion, Walt conducted a roll call vote. Chris, Skip, Walt, Jim, Tracey, Hannah, and Vera voted in favor of the motion. Steve abstained. The Motion Carried.

Announcements

Jim made an announcement about the Gala. We need 10 more registrations to break even. Hannah suggested calling people with personal invitations.

Adjournment

Jim moved and Hannah seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Walt Hansmann, substituting for Susan McMurray.