

SUAA Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

June 5, 2023

Via ZOOM

Attendees: Patrick Asher, Elliott Dudnik, Narbeth Emmanuel, Alice Medenwald, Paul Stoddard, H. F. Williamson

Absent: Henry Brownback, Jan Cook, Sally Mullan

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by Elliott Dudnik

II. Approval of the Minutes for November 4, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes for the SUAA Foundation Board of Directors Annual Meeting for November 4, 2022 was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

III. Chair's Report

Dudnik reported that there are two vacancies on the Committee because Jerry Lewis has resigned as a Director-at-Large and H. Henry Brownback has resigned as Secretary due to scheduling conflicts with the Annual Meeting. Dudnik will continue the search for a new Secretary. Williamson agreed to take the minutes for this meeting and to prepare a draft for subsequent approval by the Board.

IV. Report from the Nominating Committee

Medenwald discussed the report that she had circulated to the Committee. She was pleased to note that Dudnik is willing to serve a second term as Chair. This slate of Director-at-Large nominees reflects the steps that had to be taken as we moved to the Committee structure adopted with the new Foundation Bylaws with two delegates from each SUAA region serving staggered terms. In particular, this required candidates serving one-year and two-year terms for Regions 1 and 2:

Region 1: Sally Mullan, two-year term; Genevieve Lopardo, one-year term.

Region 2: Paul Stoddard, two-year term; Jan Cook, one-year term.

For region three, only the two-year term was open. The two candidates are H. F. Williamson and Michael Weinstein. Thus, there will be an election for this position at the Annual Meeting. The possibility of sending out the bio information on the two candidates for Region 3 before the meeting was discussed. Medenwald thanked Paul Stoddard and Henry Brownback, her colleagues on the Nominating Committee, for their significant help with the work.

V. Procedures for Holding Annual Meeting

Dudnik and Medenwald led a discussion of the procedures we are following to inform the Chapter Presidents about the Annual Meeting and what they should do to certify their Chapter representatives.

VI. Financial Report for 2022

Dudnik noted he had decided that it would be more appropriate to discuss the Financial Report at the Annual Meeting in Springfield. There was a brief discussion of how the expenses might be categorized and the payments to the State Office of SUAA for their work with the Foundation.

VI. Report on Scholarship and Grants Program

A preliminary Report of the SUAA Foundation Scholarship Committee was presented by the Committee Chair Medenwald. She was pleased to note that they had received 25 applications for the Scholarship program and, for the first time, one application for a Professional Development Grant. There was a brief discussion of whether any changes to the eligibility rules should be part of the Annual Meeting agenda, but it was decided that this topic should be left for a later Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 PM.