**ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL WOMEN’S ALLIANCE**

 **MINUTES OF THE 80TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**November 17, 2020 1:00 PM EST**

President Tyna Gaylor called the 80th Annual Meeting of the Accounting & Financial Women’s Alliance (AFWA) to order on November 17 at 1:23 PM EST online. Executive Director, Cindy Stanley advised those in attendance of their rights as members to be representatives to the governing body to act on behalf of all members of the Accounting & Financial Women’s Alliance.

The President called upon Credentials Committee Chair Renee Richards, whose report follows. The total number of members eligible to vote is 88 and the number of members in attendance is 88. The AFWA Bylaws, Article VI, Meetings, Section 6, provides that a Quorum shall consist of a majority of registered members present at the meeting. A majority of the registered members would be 45, and 88 members are in attendance.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Renee Richards moved the roll of members, hereby submitted, is the official roll of the voting members of the Annual Business Meeting. The motion passed by acclamation.

The President announced that a quorum was established and thanked Renee and her committee.

The President called upon Stephanie Searcy, National President Elect and Chair of the Rules Committee, who gave the report of the Rules Committee.

On behalf of the Rules Committee, Stephanie Searcy moved for the adoption of the proposed standing rules for the 80th Annual Business Meeting of the AFWA. The motion was passed by acclamation.

The President recognized Renee Richards who moved for the adoption of the agenda for the 80thAFWA Annual Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris Culliton and passed by acclamation.

The President made the following appointments for the 80th AFWA Annual Business Meeting:

Resolutions Committee Chair: Andrea Garcia

The following members of the Credentials Committee were appointed as tellers and timekeepers:

 Renee Richards, Credentials Chair

 Lani Huck, Credentials Committee

 Ann Deegan, Credentials Committee

 Cathy Allen, Teller

 Karyn Hartke, Teller

 Pam Wenner, Teller

 Ellie Gittelman, Timekeeper

 Lindsay Sweet Surrells, Timekeeper

The President appointed the following members to approve the minutes of this meeting:

Grace Staten, National Secretary

 Jennifer Leger

 Megan Mallen

The President pointed out that the minutes will be posted to the members portal section of the Accounting and Financial Women’s Alliance website in December, and the members will be notified via email at that time.

The President reported that the minutes of the 79th Annual Business Meeting were provided to all attendees via email. These minutes were approved by a committee appointed by the 2019-2020 National President, Laura Mangan. The approved minutes were also posted to the members-only section of the website.

The next business in order was the election of four members, two of whom will serve as alternates, to the nominating committee to serve during the 2021 Annual Conference for Accounting and Financial Women. The President recognized Laura Mangan, Chair of the current AFWA Nominating Committee to explain the duties of the Nominating Committee.

The President opened the floor to nominations. The following members were nominated:

 Kris Culliton nominates herself

 Diane Lygnstad nominates herself

 Katharine Dill nominates herself

 Barbara Covington nominates Tina Polf

 Shelby Williams nominates Diane Hanson

 Renee Richards nominates Leilani Huck

Attendees are informed that Katharine Dill must be removed from consideration because two members from the same chapter cannot be on this committee. Tyna Gaylor is the Chair of the Nominating Committee and both Tyna and Katharine are members of the Washington DC Chapter.

The nominations were closed by the President. Staff was instructed to add Kris Culliton, Diane Lygnstad, Tina Polf, Diane Hanson and Leilani Huck to the polling ballot. Voting was conducted by polling feature.

The President recognized the members of AFWA National Board of Directors for the administrative year 2020-2021.

President Elect: Stephanie Searcy

Vice President: Wendi Christian

Vice President: Shelby Williams

Treasurer: Jessica Perkins

Secretary: Grace Staten

Directors: Nicole Hopkins

Amy Landry

 Guinevere Moore

Marie Ramkey

Stephanie Sommers

Madeline Trimble

 Immediate Past President Laura Mangan

 Ex-Officio member Cindy Stanley

The President acknowledged the following that have accepted appointments and committee assignments:

 AFWA 2021 Annual Conference Co-Chairs:

 Marie Ramkey and Anna Raney

 AFWA Audit Committee

 Lori Kelley, Chair

 Rebecca Boland

 Dawn Gillis

 Directors to serve on The Foundation of AFWA board of directors.

 Katharine Dill

 Monica Malaski

The President recognized Stephanie Searcy, President Elect to recognize the headquarters staff.

Cindy Stanley, Executive Director

Catherine Schaefer, Member Engagement and Operations Specialist

Mary Marshall, Membership Coordinator

Amber Earlywine, Admin and Membership Coordinator

Rachel Gates, Membership Services

Jennifer Mayhugh, Events Coordinator

Mark Meikle, Associations International

The President called upon Christie Lininger, Chair of the Foundation, to introduce the board of the Foundation of the Accounting and Financial Women’s Alliance, give her report and recognize the Foundation’s Past Chairs. Foundation Board of Directors include:

 Chair Elect – Stacey Craig

 Vice Chair – Melissa Sager

 Treasurer – Sara Page

 Secretary – Wendi Hall

 Director – Gale Kreitzberg

 Director – Michelle Venus

 Director – Anna Raney

 Director – Alanna Abreu

 Director – Jevonne Shepherd

 Director – Anat Borodyansky

 Director – Monica Malaski

 Director – Katharine Dill

 Immediate Past Chair – Pam Wenner

 Ex-Officio Member – Cindy Stanley

The President recognized Laura Mangan, Immediate Past President, to present her report on membership.

The President recognized Cindy Stanley, Executive Director, to present her report.

The President gave her President’s Address.

The President recognized the Chair of the Credentials Committee, Renee Richards, to present the report of the tellers from the election of the nominating committee, incorporated by attachment into these minutes.

The President declared Lani Huck and Tina Polf elected to the Nominating Committee with Diane Hanson as the first alternate shall be Diane Hanson and Kris Culliton shall be the second alternate.

The President declared the 80th Annual Business Meeting of the Accounting & Financial Women’s Alliance adjourned at 3:28 p.m., sine die.

Grace Staten, National Secretary

Jennifer Leger

Megan Mallen