# ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE MINUTES OF THE 78TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING October 28, 2018

President Karyn Hartke called the 78th Annual Meeting of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) to order on October 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. CST at The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, Kansas City, MO. 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 Beverly Anderson, whose report follows. The total number of members eligible to vote is 87 and the number of members in attendance is 87. 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 are in attendance.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Beverly Anderson 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 Beverly and her committee.

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

On behalf of the Rules Committee, Laura Mangan moved for the adoption of the proposed standing rules for the 78th Annual Business Meeting of the AFWA. The motion was passed by acclamation.

The President recognized Laura Mangan who moved for the adoption of the agenda for the 78th AFWA Annual Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Colene Blankinship and passed by acclamation.

The President made the following appointments for the 78th AFWA Annual Business Meeting:

• Resolutions Committee Chair: Jevonne Shepherd, Los Angeles Chapter

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

- Melody King, Richmond Chapter, Timekeeper
- Patti Baker, Fort Walton Beach Chapter, Timekeeper
- Kris Culliton, Wichita Chapter, Teller
- Michaela Spreier, Illinois State University Chapter, Teller
- Michelle Venus, Dallas Chapter, Teller

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

- Bambi Weber, Mesa East Valley Chapter
- Wendi Hall, Milwaukee Chapter

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

The President reported that the minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting were provided to all attendees via email. These minutes were approved by a committee appointed by the 2017-2018 National President, Lori Kelley. 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 2019 Annual Conference for Accounting and Financial Women. The President recognized Lori Kelley, 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:

- Lindsay Sweet, D.C. Chapter
- Kathryn Schrader, Knoxville Chapter
- Kelly Haden, New Orleans Chapter
- Danielle Mowery, Phoenix Chapter

The nominations were closed by the President. Voting was conducted by ballot vote. Ballots were collected by the tellers and removed for tallying.

The President recognized the members of AFWA National Board of Directors for the administrative year 2018-2019.

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

- AFWA Annual Conference Co-Chairs: Susan Adams, Dallas Chapter and Grace Staten, Member-at-Large
- AFWA Audit Committee: Melissa Peters, D.C. Chapter
- AFWA Foundation Directors: Cheryl Heitz, Flagstaff Chapter and Bambi Weber, Mesa East Valley Chapter

The President called upon Wendi Christian, National Treasurer to introduce the board of the Foundation of the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance.

The President recognized Tyna Gaylor, Vice President of the Chapter Initiatives Committee to recognize the headquarters staff.

The President recognized Shelby Williams, National Secretary to recognize the AFWA LEAP Advisory Council not present.

Shelby Williams introduced Alanna Abreu, the Past Chair of the LEAP Council who shared an update on the council's efforts for supporting our emerging professionals.

The President recognized Mary Lou Carver, the Chair of the Foundation, who presented her report on the state of the Foundation.

The President called upon Immediate Past President, Lori Kelley to present her report.

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

The President gave her President's Address.

The President recognized the members attending their first Annual Meeting and announced the location of the 2019 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

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

The President declared Lindsay Sweet, D.C. Chapter and Danielle Mowery, Phoenix Chapter elected to the Nominating Committee, with Kelly Haden, New Orleans Chapter elected as first alternate and Kathryn Schrader, Knoxville Chapter the second alternate. The ballots will be destroyed after the Annual Meeting.

The President introduced National Directors Susan Adams and Jessica Perkins who recognized the long-time members present. The member in attendance who has been with the Association the longest was Karen Jacobson, Ames Chapter -47 years.

The President recognized the Lifetime Members.

The President introduced Stephanie Searcy, Vice President of Membership, who recognized members who reached the milestone of 25 years in membership.

The President and President Elect introduced the Past Presidents of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance who were in attendance and thanked them for their contribution to the Organization.

The President recognized Stephanie Searcy, Vice President of Membership, who acknowledged with sadness the passing of members of the association during the past year and gave a brief memorial tribute. The President specifically announced the passing of Eunice Hoffman who was 102 years old.

The President introduced Grace Staten, Director who presented awards for chapter milestones.

The following chapters were recognized for milestones:

•	Northeast Florida	10 Years
•	Des Moines	30 Years
•	West Alabama	30 Years
•	Greenville	35 Years
•	DFW/Mid Cities	40 Years
•	Billings	45 Years
•	New Orleans	60 Years
•	Grand Rapids	75 Years
•	Indianapolis	80 Years

VP President of Membership Stephanie Searcy recognized the following chapters for meeting the New Member Challenge:

- Buffalo Chapter
- Casper Chapter
- Central Arkansas Chapter
- Central New York Chapter
- Flagstaff Chapter
- Grand Rapids Chapter
- Los Angeles Chapter
- Mesa East Valley Chapter
- Phoenix Chapter
- Tacoma Chapter
- Tulsa Chapter
- West Alabama Chapter

Searcy recognized National Director Stephanie Sommers who announced the following chapter who received awards for their chapter achievements:

- Grand Rapids Communication
- Mesa East Valley Chapter Programming
- Denver Chapter Public Service
- Denver Chapter Scholarship

The President called for any new business. No new business was brought before the delegates.

The President recognized the Chair of the 2018 Annual Meeting Resolutions Committee, Jevonne Shepherd, Los Angeles Chapter who moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is holding their 78th Annual Meeting on October 28, 2018 in Kansas City, Missouri in conjunction with the Women Who Count 2018 National Conference, in which its members share knowledge and experience through

continuing education courses, workshops, technical sessions, and networking, and WHEREAS, the Annual Conference Steering Committee, chaired by: Shelby Williams; with Committee Volunteers - Lori Kelley, Mary Lou Carver, Karyn Hartke, Lindsay Barth, Susan Adams, Laura Mangan, Pam Wenner, and Grace Staten; and Credentials Chair - Beverly Anderson; and Headquarters Staff, Cindy Stanley, Lisa Stephenson, Debi Williams, Yolanda Kennison, and Rachel Gates, have all dedicated so much of their time in organizing this conference and have worked to provide our members with the highest quality continuing educational sessions, and the opportunity to relax and have fun, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that we thank these women and all the members from across the country who served on the Kansas City, Missouri conference committee for their warm hospitality and atmosphere of team spirit at this 78th Annual Meeting and Conference.

The resolution was adopted by acclamation.

The President thanked all the members for assuming the responsibilities of representing the organization. The President also thanked the members for their attendance at this meeting. "By your presence, you have demonstrated a sincere interest in the affairs of the Association. The National Board represents you, the members. Please let us know your issues, questions, comments, suggestions, or ideas."

The President declared the 78th Annual Business Meeting of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance adjourned at 10:30am CST, sine die.

Shelby Williams, National Secretary Wendi Hall, Milwaukee Chapter Bambi Weber, Mesa East Valley Chapter Bambi Weber, Mesa East Valley Chapter

### TELLERS REPORT FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Lindsay Sweet, D.C. Chapter, received 80 votes
- Danielle Mowrey, Phoenix Chapter, received 69 votes
- Kelly Haden, New Orleans Chapter, received 29 votes.
- Kathryn Schrader, Knoxville Chapter, received 28 votes.

## **EXHIBIT 3 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE TELLERS REPORT**

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#### **EXHIBIT 4- REPORT OF ELECTED NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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