

**ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE**  
**76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2016**  
**Denver, CO**

President Linda Harris, CPA called the 76th Annual Meeting of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) to order on October 27, 2016 at 5:49 p.m. MST at the Grand Hyatt, Denver, Colorado. The secretary Laura L. Mangan, CPA, CMA was present.

The President called upon AFWA Executive Director and provisionary member of the National Association of Parliamentarians Ericka Harney, CAE, CFRE, GPC, CVA who gave advice regarding her function as a parliamentarian and the role of the delegates at this meeting.

The President called upon Credentials Committee Chair Melody A. Sumpter, CPA, Kokomo Chapter whose report follows. The total number of chapters eligible for representation is **72** and the number registered is **46**. The total number of chapter votes allowable is **185** and the number of chapter votes represented by registered delegates or proxies, who are present at this meeting, is **128**. The total number of member-at-large votes eligible for representation is **12**. The total number of member-at-large votes registered is **12**. The total number of delegates registered is **71**. The AFWA Bylaws, Article VI, Meetings, Section 7, provides that a Quorum shall consist of a majority of chapters represented by registered delegates or proxies. A majority of registered chapters would be more than **37**, and **46** chapters are represented. The total number of delegate votes registered is **124**, and the total number of proxy votes present is **16**. The total number of registered votes is **140**.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Melody Sumpter moved the roll of delegates and proxies, 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 Ms. Sumpter and her committee.

The President called upon Laura L. Mangan, CPA, CMA Chair of the Rules Committee, who gave the report of the committee.

On behalf of the Rules Committee, Laura Mangan, Chair moved for the adoption of the proposed standing rules for the 76th Annual Business Meeting of the AFWA. The motion was passed by acclamation.

The President recognized the Secretary, Laura Mangan who moved for the adoption of the agenda for the 76th AFWA Annual Business Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by acclamation.

The President made the following appointments for the 76th AFWA Annual Business Meeting:

- Resolutions Committee Chair: Tavia Blume, Bellevue Chapter
- Parliamentarian: Ericka Harney, AFWA Executive Director Lexington, KY

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

- Melody Stone, Richmond Chapter, Timekeeper
- Tyna Gaylor, DC Chapter, Timekeeper
- Marie Ramkey, Richmond Chapter, Teller
- Diane Lyngstad, Minn/St Paul Chapter, Teller

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

- Lani Huck, Billings Chapter
- Beverly Anderson, Springfield Chapter

The President pointed out that the minutes will be posted to the members' portal of the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance website in November, and we will notify the delegates and chapter presidents via email at that time.

The President reported that the minutes of the 75th Annual Business Meeting were in front of each delegate. These minutes were approved by a committee appointed by the 2015-2016 President – Dianna Patton, CPA, CFP, MTAX. 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 2017 Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance Annual Conference. The President recognized Dianna Patton, CPA, CFP, MTAX 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:

- Diane Lyngstad, Minn/St Paul Chapter
- Linda Forde, Northeast Florida Chapter
- Emily Nave, Omaha Chapter

The nominations were closed by the President.

The President recognized the members of AFWA National Board of Directors for the administrative year 2016-2017.

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

- AFWA National Conference Chair: Stephanie Searcy, Atlanta Chapter
- AFWA Audit Committee: Wendi Taber Christian, Member at Large
- AFWA Foundation Director: Wendy Hall, Milwaukee Chapter and Gale Kreitzberg, Billings Chapter

The President recognized Treasurer Renee Richards, CPA who introduced the board of The Foundation.

The President recognized Vice President Karyn Hartke, CPA who introduced the AFWA LEAP Advisory Council.

The President recognized President-Elect Lori Kelley, CPA who introduced the headquarters' staff.

The President recognized the members attending their first Annual Meeting.

The President introduced National Directors Rebecca Tucker and Melissa Peters who recognized the long-time members present. Members Betsy Scott, Kansas City Chapter and Karen Jacobson, Ames Chapter have been members since 1971.

The President recognized, Vice President Vicki Lindsey, CPA, who acknowledged with sadness the passing of members of the association during the past year and gave a brief memorial tribute.

The President introduced Kris Culliton, CPA, CGMA Foundation Chair, to present the report on the state of The Foundation.

President Harris called upon Immediate Past President, Dianna Patton, CPA, CFP, MTAX to present her report.

President Harris gave her President's Address.

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

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

President Harris recognized the Chair of the 2016 Annual Meeting Resolutions Committee, Tavia Blume, CPA Bellevue Chapter who moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is holding their 76th Annual Meeting on October 27, 2016 in Denver, Colorado in conjunction with the Annual Conference for Accounting and Financial Women 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: Stephanie Searcy; Committee Volunteers – Barbara Covington, Kris Culliton, Corrine Dougherty, Linda Harris, Lori Kelley, Dianna Patton, Credentials Chair – Melody Sumpter, and Headquarters staff Ericka Harney, 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 education 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 Denver conference committee for their warm hospitality and atmosphere of team spirit at this 76th Annual Meeting and Conference.

The resolution was adopted by acclamation.

President Harris thanked all the delegates, alternates and proxies for assuming the responsibilities of representing their chapters. 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 76th Annual Business Meeting of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance adjourned at 6:43 pm MST, sine die.

**Approved by the Minutes Committee:**

Laura L. Mangan, CPA, CMA	<u>Laura L. Mangan</u>	Date <u>10/28/16</u>
Lani Huck, CPA	<u>Lani Huck</u>	Date <u>10/28/16</u>
Beverly Anderson, CPA	<u>Beverly Anderson</u>	Date <u>10/28/16</u>

**EXHIBIT 4 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE TELLERS REPORT**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE TELLERS REPORT**

Number of votes cast: 323  
Necessary for election plurality: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Diane Lyngstad</u>	received <u>136</u> votes
<u>Linda Forde</u>	received <u>66</u> votes
<u>Emily Nave</u>	received <u>121</u> votes
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**EXHIBIT 5- REPORT OF ELECTED NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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Elected Nominating Committee members:

Diane Lyngstad 136 and Emily Nave 121

First alternate: Linda Forde 66

Second alternate: \_\_\_\_\_