

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE
MINUTES OF THE 81ST ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
November 17, 2021 2:00 PM EST

President Stephanie Searcy called the 81st Annual Meeting of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) to order on November 17 at 2:04 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 recognized 2021 AFWA *Women Who Count* award recipients.

The President called upon Wendi Christian, 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 81st Annual Business Meeting of the AFWA. The motion was passed by acclamation.

The President recognized Wendi Christian who moved for the adoption of the agenda for the 81st AFWA Annual Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Laura Mangan and passed by acclamation.

The President made the following appointments for the 81st AFWA Annual Business Meeting:

Renée Richards, Credentials Chair
Melody King, Credentials Committee
Diane Lyngstad, Credentials Committee

Pam Meadows, Teller
Dee Freeland, Teller
Pam Wenner, Teller

Kris Culliton, Timekeeper
Beverly Anderson, Timekeeper

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

Madeline Trimble, National Secretary
Jennifer Leger
Grace Staten

The President noted 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 80th Annual Business Meeting were provided to all attendees via email. These minutes were approved by a committee appointed by the 2020-2021 National President, Tyna Gaylor. The approved minutes were also posted to the members-only section of the website.

The President called upon Credentials Committee Chair Renée Richards, whose report follows. The total number of members eligible to vote is 63 and the number of members in attendance is 63. 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 48, and 63 voting members are in attendance.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Renée 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 Renée and her committee.

The next business in order was the election of two members to the nominating committee, and two alternates, to serve during the 2022 Annual Conference for Accounting and Financial Women. The President recognized Tyna Gaylor, 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:

Shannon Basista nominates herself (D.C. Chapter)
Trina Allen nominates Melody King (Richmond Chapter)
Marie Ramkey nominates Melody King (Richmond Chapter)
Christie Lininger nominates Jeremiah Rouane (Billings Chapter)
Kristin Culliton nominates Beverly Anderson (Springfield Chapter)
Christi Olsen nominates Katharine Dill (D.C. Chapter)

The nominations were closed by the President. Staff was instructed to add Shannon Basista, Melody King, Jeremiah Rouane, Beverly Anderson, and Katharine Dill 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 2021-2022.

President-Elect:	Wendi Christian
Vice President:	Grace Staten
Vice President:	Shelby Williams
Treasurer:	Stephanie Sommers
Secretary:	Madeline Trimble
Directors:	Ty Hendrickson

Karletta Jones
Amy Landry
Marie Ramkey
Elanor Siverts-Akerman
Sheryl Wagner

Immediate Past President	Tyna Gaylor
Ex-Officio member	Cindy Stanley

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

AFWA 2022 Annual Conference Co-Chairs:
Eleanor Siverts-Ackerman and Pam Meadows

AFWA Audit Committee
Dawn Gillis, Chair
Rebecca Boland

Directors to serve on The Foundation of AFWA board of directors.
Sue Christensen
Kathryn Schrader

The President recognized Wendi Christian, President-Elect to recognize the headquarters staff.

Cindy Stanley, Executive Director
Catherine Schaefer, Director of Marketing and Operations
Mary Marshall, Membership Coordinator
Lesley Laws, Admin and Membership Coordinator
Onyinyechi Okorie, Member Services
Kara Hamilton, Membership Services
Mark Meikle, Associations International
Ben Polk, Associations International

The President called upon Stacey Craig, 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 – Melissa Sager
Vice Chair – Wendi Hall
Treasurer – Alanna Abreu
Secretary – Sara Page
Director – Gale Kreitzberg
Director – Michelle Venus
Director – Katharine Dill
Director – Kathryn Schrader

Director – Vanessa Kubick
Director – Anat Borodyansky
Director – Sue Christensen
Director – Monica Malaski

Immediate Past Chair – Christie Lininger
Ex-Officio Member – Cindy Stanley

The President recognized Tyna Gaylor, Immediate Past President, to present her membership report.

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, Renée Richards, to present the report of the tellers from the election of the nominating committee, incorporated by attachment into these minutes.

Two tie-breaking votes were administered via the vote function. The first tie was for the second committee member. The second vote was for the second alternate member.

The President declared Melody King and Jeremiah Rouane elected to the Nominating Committee, and Beverly Anderson and Shannon Basista elected as alternates.

The President declared the 81st Annual Business Meeting of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance adjourned at 3:51 p.m., sine die.

Madeline Trimble, National Secretary
Jennifer Leger
Grace Staten