

Minutes for WRNC Board of Directors Meeting

March 20, 2022

NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine

Conference Room

Meeting called to order @ 12:40 by Toni O'Neil and quorum confirmed.

Present: Toni O'Neil, Cindy Bailey, Linda Bergman-Althouse, Carla Johnson, Michele Poe, Jean Chamberlain, Ann Rogers, Paige Person, Mary Ellen Rogers, Rebekah Kriston, Kathy Pedrick, and Linda Veraldi

Absent: Tonya Weil

NOTE: Due to the pandemic, the Board voted to reschedule the symposium from January 22-23 to March 19-20, 2022.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Toni welcomed three new Board members-Rebekah, Kathy, and Linda V who were elected by ballot at the Membership Meeting the previous night, 03/19/22. Linda B welcomed Michele who was voted in by the Board in 2021 when the symposium and thus, the Membership Meeting, was rescheduled due to the pandemic. Linda B will email the bylaws, committee information, and other documents related to the Board's organization and operation to the new directors.
- Toni, the outgoing President, nominated Cindy for *President* and Linda B seconded. No other nominations were made. Unanimously approved.
- Jean nominated Linda B for *Vice President* and Mary Ellen seconded. No other nominations were made. Unanimously approved.
- Jean nominated Carla for *Treasurer* and Toni seconded. No other nominations were made. Unanimously approved.
- Carla nominated Michele for *Secretary* and Toni seconded. No other nominations were made. Unanimously approved.
- Ann to update Google Group.
- Toni encouraged existing Board members to help prepare to enable new Directors to hit the ground running. The following assignments were established after the meeting:

New Board Member	Board Buddy
○ Rebekah	Tonya
○ Kathy	Toni
○ Linda Vi	Ann
○ Michele	Linda B

Linda B reported:

- All three chimney swift tower grants were awarded and all units had been constructed and are in place.
- All three members awarded symposium scholarships were present at symposium.
- All three cage grants were awarded. Mary Ellen to be Cage Grant chair moving forward.

Symposium Discussion:

-Jean received a round of applause and words of praise and appreciation for her tireless work on the symposium.

-Jean said this year's symposium will not yield as much revenue as in the past and that attendance was down because of the pandemic and the rescheduling. The vet students were on spring break and were greatly missed. (Their absence, due to the date change, was unavoidable this year.) As of this meeting, attendance was estimated at 227, but the number had not yet been confirmed.

-Ann volunteered to document and combine symposium evaluations from students and share with the Board. Except for one, all feedback given or heard was positive. The only negative comment voiced was about a schedule change in the fluid labs. The change was a result of the rescheduling and late instructor cancellations.

-Carla voiced concern about the caterers being asked to park a long distance away from the loading dock by campus police. She will address with school personnel.

-Arrangements for coffee at the event were complicated and had to be handled at the last minute. Rebekah volunteered to manage the beverages next year.

-Toni thanked Kathy for stepping up and overseeing this year's raffle and she (Kathy) volunteered to manage the 2023 raffle.

-Friday night's Meet & Greet had little interaction and no games, unlike past years. It was agreed a return to the usual format will be made. Linda V to chair Ice Breaker event next year.

-Suggestions to include a silent-auction and a grand finale drawing were discussed.

-Recommendations for a new vet school sponsor are needed.

-Suggestions for new class speakers/instructors are needed.

-Kathy expressed ideas about fundraising that she will submit to Linda B for inclusion in the next newsletter.

-Linda B asked the Board to follow Robert's Rules during meetings in hopes of providing structure and efficient use of time.

Cindy to notify the Board of date and time of next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by Toni and seconded by Carla. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm.

Michele Poe

Michele Poe/Secretary