



Neighborhoods, USA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 25, 2016

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I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

President Andre Bernard called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Treasurer Angela Rush made motion to approve agenda with ability to modify, seconded by Beryl McCadden-Pritko. Motion approved without objection.

II. INVOCATION, PLEDGE AND ROLL CALL

NUSA Parliamentarian Tony Olden provided the invocation, and Sergeant At Arms Jason Bergerson led the pledge of allegiance. In the absence of Secretary Loretta Buckner and with a recent resignation by Asst. Secretary Ron McCorkle, Monique Coleman volunteered to take minutes and was approved to do so by the NUSA board. She conducted the roll call and there were 14 board members present and five absent. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT (14)

Hal Barnes
Jason Bergerson
Andre Bernard
Monique Coleman
Deletta Dean
Rene Kane
George Lee, Jr.
Beryl McCadden-Pritko
Vatricia McKinney
Tony Olden
Gerri Robinson
Angela Rush
Anne-Marie Taylor
Tige Watts

MEMBERS ABSENT (5)

Loretta Buckner (excused)
Elton Gatewood (excused)
Ron McCorkle (resigned)
DeAnna O'Malley (excused)
Margaret Wallace Brown

OTHERS PRESENT (1)

Jeri Pryor, Admin. Asst.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEB. 2016

Board delayed approval of minutes and secretary's report until Saturday's agenda. President Bernard indicated re-affirmation statements must be in to Loretta Buckner by today.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEB. 2016

Ms. Rush gave the treasurer's report and financial report. Among items discussed was a change in the use of NUSA credit cards, etc. Additionally, information on individual registrations and pending registrations for the conference was also provided.

Ratliff and Associates, an accounting firm in Fort Worth, Texas, has been selected to conduct audit for NUSA. Rene Kane made motion to accept audit selection, seconded by Tony Olden. Motion approved, with abstention from Vice President Tige Watts, citing a conflict with bylaws. Rush went on to answer questions related to budget and financial reports. Motion made by Beryl McCadden-Pritko to accept treasurer's report, seconded by George Lee. Motion approved.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Jeri Pryor gave her administrative assistant's report. The office has worked hand-in-hand with conference registrations, treasurer to reconcile balances, and membership services to produce membership cards. Additionally, \$25 was spent from Sunshine Fund for a get-well gift for George Lee. Angela Rush made motion to accept report, seconded by Anne-Marie Taylor. Motion approved. Andre Bernard shared with the board that there were some issues with registration, but more with Memphis team in particular and deadlines being missed. From here, a 10-minute recess was called.

VI. 2018 HOST CITY CONTRACT

President Bernard called the meeting back to order at 10:53 a.m. to discuss supplemental terms and conditions for the 2018 NUSA Conference Host City Contract that came from the City of Birmingham. These items were going to be discussed at a meeting later with Jarvis Patton, City Administrator from Birmingham.

VII. HOST CITY 2016 REPORT

In the absence of the 2016 conference coordinator, Program Development Chair Tony Olden provided the Host City Report. At that time, paid registrations totaled over 600 with just less than 200 additional ones to be reconciled. From there, Monique Coleman asked about transportation to and from the airport, while Vice President Tige Watts asked why the NUSA Conference Program booklet was not provided to the NUSA board before it was printed.

VIII. 2016 CONFERENCE PREPARATION – BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Beryl McCadden-Pritko, chair of the Board Development committee, asked for volunteers for elections which included affirmative responses from Andre Bernard, Monique Coleman, Vetricia McKinney, Jason Bergerson, and Angela Rush. Board Development will meet with IT in room L4 to test the internet connectivity, laptops, and other items. Angela Rush made motion to accept report, seconded by Monique Coleman. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned until 2 p.m. when the board was to meet with delegates from Birmingham about the 2018 host city contract.

IX. 2018 HOST CITY CONTRACT

President Andre Bernard called the meeting back to order at 2:03 p.m. From there, the board voted to go into executive session to discuss the 2018 Host City Contract with representatives from the City of Birmingham, Ala. The board came out of executive session 45 minutes later. From there, Jason Bergerson made a motion to recess the meeting, which was seconded by Monique Coleman. Motion was approved.



Neighborhoods, USA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Friday, May 27, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Andre Bernard called the meeting back to order on Friday, May 27 at 5:08 p.m. in Room 205 of the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tenn. to resume discussions about the 2018 Host City Bid Contract.

II. ROLL CALL, QUORUM ESTABLISHED

NUSA Secretary Loretta F. Buckner conducted the roll call. A total of 14 board members were present during the meeting, with 5 absent. A quorum was established and business items could be conducted in accordance with NUSA bylaws.

MEMBERS PRESENT (14)

Hal Barnes
Jason Bergerson
Andre Bernard
Loretta Buckner
Monique Coleman
George Lee, Jr.
Beryl McCadden-Pritko
Vatricia McKinney
DeAnna O'Malley
Tony Olden
Gerri Robinson
Angela Rush
Anne-Marie Taylor
Tige Watts

MEMBERS ABSENT (5)

Deletta Dean
Elton Gatewood (**excused**)
Rene Kane
Ron McCorkle (**resigned**)
Margaret Wallace-Brown

OTHERS PRESENT (1)

Jeri Pryor, Admin. Asst.

III. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

NUSA Sergeant At Arms Jason Bergerson made a motion to go into executive session for contractual reasons to discuss the 2018 Host City Contract. Tony Olden seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

IV. OPEN SESSION, ACTION ITEMS

The NUSA Board closed executive session at 6:50 pm and returned to open session. President Andre Bernard called for the formation of an ad hoc committee to discuss, prepare and return amendments to the City of Birmingham's Supplemental Terms and Conditions for the 2018 Host City Contract. The ad hoc committee would be responsible for preparing agreeable terms and

explore options to expand insurance coverage for the national organization. President Bernard said he would release a full list of committee members before the conclusion of Saturday's wrap-up meeting.

V. RECESS

At 7 p.m., Treasurer Angela Rush moved to recess this session of the NUSA board meeting, which was seconded by Tony Olden. The motion was approved.



Neighborhoods, USA

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 28, 2016

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I. CALL TO ORDER

President Andre Bernard called the meeting back to order on Saturday, May 28 at 1:45 p.m. in Room 205 of the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tenn. to wrap-up business items related to the Spring Meeting of the NUSA Board of Directors.

II. INVOCATION, PLEDGE AND ROLL CALL

NUSA Parliamentarian Tony Olden provided the invocation, and Sergeant At Arms Jason Bergerson led the pledge of allegiance. The Roll Call was conducted by NUSA Secretary Loretta Buckner. There were 15 board members present and four absent. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT (15)

Hal Barnes
Jason Bergerson
Andre Bernard
Loretta Buckner
Monique Coleman
Rene Kane
George Lee, Jr.
Beryl McCadden-Pritko
Vatricia McKinney
DeAnna O'Malley
Tony Olden
Gerri Robinson
Angela Rush
Anne-Marie Taylor
Tige Watts

MEMBERS ABSENT (4)

Deletta Dean
Elton Gatewood (**excused**)
Ron McCorkle (**resigned**)
Margaret Wallace Brown

OTHERS PRESENT (1)

Jeri Pryor, Admin. Asst.

III. NUSA ANNUAL BOARD ELECTION REPORT & CERTIFICATION

NUSA Board Development Committee Chair Beryl McCadden Pritko reported a total of 285 NUSA members cast ballots in this year's election for the board. Nine candidates ran for seven open seats on the board, with those terms running from 2016-19. The results were:

1. **George Lee, Jr. received 158 votes.**
2. **Rene Kane received 152 votes.**
3. **Annie Rodgers received 151 votes.**
4. **Lisa Middleton received 150 votes.**
5. Chester Wallace received 148 votes

6. **Paul Gambill received 145 votes.**
7. Diane Cain received 145 votes.
8. **Jeri Caligiuri received 121 votes.**
9. **Wanda Sloan received 120 votes**

** Board members highlighted in bold were seated. Two of the 3 candidates who ran from the City of Birmingham, Ala. weren't eligible to be seated because of NUSA's rule of only seating two people from the same city on its Board.*

IV. REPORT OF THE 2016 CONFERENCE

Some of the major criticisms regarding the conference included the hotel room keys did not work, rooms were not ready at check-in time, the restaurant food was not good and service was slow.

Several items related to improving the quality of the host hotel were discussed. Among items discussed included: whether any overflow hotels were nearby; issues with individual rooms; preferential treatment for a flight group over NUSA members; lack of discounts provided by hotel to affected customers; and that many of these items were present when NUSA board members visited the same hotel in the Fall of 2015 and nothing seemed to improve.

Suggestions made included drafting a response from NUSA to the hotel, the corporate chair, and others. Additionally, Jason Bergerson said board members should read the packet of rules for the Host City. Gerri Robinson said the hotel had too many excuses and needed to repair the damage. Additionally, Angela Rush mentioned ADA issues related to the tour bus.

V. PRESENTATION FROM NNA

Kevin Weir, president of the National Neighborhood Association, was introduced to the boards and presented an update to board members on new technology and opportunities for neighborhood organizations that can be found on his group's web site.

VI. NEXT BOARD MEETING IN OMAHA

President Andre Bernard announced the dates for the next NUSA board meeting. The NUSA board will meet in Omaha at the Downtown Hilton Hotel on Cass ST beginning on Thursday, Oct. 20 and finishing on Friday, Oct. 21. From here, there was a short 10-minute break taken by the board.

VII. THE PIE LADY – SARAH CLAYBOURNE

President Andre Bernard called the meeting back to order at 3 p.m. and introduced Ms. Sarah Claybourne to the NUSA Board. Claybourne was a participant who won a NOTY Award in Tacoma, Wash. 32 years ago. Winning for Lemoine Gardens, a united effort for development in Memphis, Claybourne said NUSA made a true difference for her and her neighborhood. She left each board member their own mini-homemade pies and distributed with a "thank you" to NUSA for letting her city – Memphis – host this year's conference.

VIII. BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Summarized the 2016 report again and reported the election process went well. Some candidates were mingling around the voting area and had to be reminded about the policies and procedures. A discussion was also held about getting more non board members to serve on NUSA committees.

IX. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

An Update on memberships was shared, and a report on Affiliate memberships was provided. The JOT Form link was updated on the NUSA web site. A question was asked regarding how many cities of board members had updated their membership. Additional questions were asked about memberships not in good standing as well as about certain corporates. Vice President Tige Watts made a motion to accept the committee's report and action items. The motion was seconded and approved.

X. BYLAW & RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee chair Jason Bergerson reported one resolution was submitted prior to the general membership meeting. The committee ruled in an improper format. There was one other resolution that was submitted, but it was also withdrawn by the originator.

XI. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

No grants have been awarded to NUSA per date. DeAnna O'Malley mentioned a grant NUSA should consider applying for being a national organization dedicated to building stronger neighborhoods and communities. The committee will consider applying for this grant and searching other opportunities for NUSA.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Loretta Buckner mentioned there were several Board Members who have not submitted their Affirmation Statements and those missing statements should be turned in today or as soon as possible. Angela Rush will be printing more blank Affirmation forms.

Pres. Andre Bernard announced members of the 2018 Host City Ad Hoc Committee are: Andre Bernard, Tige Watts, Monique Coleman, Jason Bergerson, Beryl McCadden-Pritko, Rene Kane, and Gerri Robinson. All comments and suggestions should be submitted to the Committee by Friday, June 17, 2016. DeAnna O'Malley will be submitting posts to the Facebook page and others as needed.

NUSA Secretary Loretta Buckner revisited the Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes from the February 2016 Board Meetings. She said there were several problems with the laptop, with software, programming and/or system updates. Vice President Tige Watts moved to approve the Minutes and Secretary's Report as presented, and stated issues with formatting would be fixed before they are publicly posted. The motion passed with no opposition.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Prior to the meeting it had been announced NUSA board Member Ron McCorkle submitted a written letter of resignation due to a major change in work status. Vice President Tige Watts moved to accept Ron McCorkle's resignation. George Lee, Jr. seconded. Motion passed with no opposition

Jason Bergerson mentioned the NUSA board should consider preparing and administering an exit interview for board members whose term expires or leave the board.

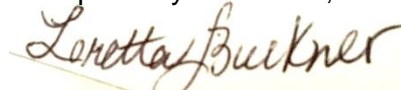
Angela Rush requested photos from the conference Awards Ceremony, to be emailed for publishing in the upcoming newsletter.

Public Affairs Chair Tige Watts also thanked Rush for her service as newsletter editor and shared with the board this would be her last issue. The Public Affairs Committee will be searching for a new newsletter editor over the summer with a decision for the board to ratify at its next meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m. by President Andre Bernard.

Respectfully Submitted,



Loretta F. Buckner,
NUSA Secretary
Wichita, Kansas