



Neighboreds, USA Board Meeting Minutes February 20, 2014

I. WELCOME – SAN DIEGO MAYOR’S OFFICE

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE – CHARLES KELLY, AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by NUSA President, Angela Rush. George Lee gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Roll call was conducted by Monique Coleman, Secretary; quorum established.

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Angela Rush, President
- Tige Watts, Vice President
- John Hargroves, Treasurer
- Monique Coleman, Secretary
- DeAnna O’Malley, Asst. Secretary
- Jason Bergerson, Parliamentarian
- Robert Gibbons
- George R. Lee, Jr.
- Rene Kane
- Margaret Madden
- Ron McCorkle
- Anne-Marie Taylor
- Patrick Williams
- Eva Yakutis

STAFF PRESENT

- Jeri Pryor, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Andre Bernard, Asst. Treasurer
- Loretta Buckner
- Margaret Wallace-Brown
- Deletta Dean
- Tony Olden
- Gerri Robinson
- David Rubedor (*unexcused*)

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Monique Coleman made a motion to approve the agenda; Anne-Marie Taylor seconded. John Hargroves requested to amend the motion to allow changes to scheduled times allocated on the agenda; likewise, Robert Gibbons requested a friendly amendment to all changes or additions to items on the agenda as needed. Monique Coleman accepted both amendments to the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with amendments.

IV. HOUSEKEEPING: INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Angela Rush formally introduced the new NUSA Administrative Assistant, Jeri Pryor to the Board.

V. SECRETARY’S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FALL 2013 BOARD MEETING

Monique Coleman distributed the October 3-4, 2013 minutes and asked the Board to take a moment to review the minutes. **Tige Watts made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections/amendments; George Lee seconded. Robert Gibbons abstained. The motion carried.** Monique Coleman also announced all minutes will be signed hence forth, she requested all committee reports be submitted before scheduled board meetings to the Secretary and Administrative Assistant and stated all minutes will be emailed for review before all meetings. Angela Rush also reiterated changes to the format are an effort to provide sufficient information since the minutes will be placed on the NUSA website in the near future.

VI. TREASURER’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

John Hargroves provided the treasurer’s report, which consisted of an explanation of each line item budgeted and expended. At the time the report was given the total income was \$38,745.16, total expenses were \$7,529.82 and the current balance was \$31,215.33. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report; George Lee seconded. The motion carried.**

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT’S REPORT

There are 57 city members current and eight (8) city members past due. The membership letter has been updated and the revised letter will be sent to the eight (8) past due city members as a reminder to renew their membership.

The following cities were past due:

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| 1. Los Angeles, CA | 5. Decatur, IL |
| 2. Spartanburg, SC | 6. Indianapolis, IN |
| 3. Orlando, FL | 7. Gov.-Wyandotte Co.-Kansas City, MO |
| 4. Carlsbad, CA | 8. Round Rock, TX |

Ms. Pryor stated there has been no activity for the sunshine fund since October 2013. The current balance is \$57.93. **Robert made a motion to approve the administrative assistant’s report; John Hargroves seconded; the motion carried.**

VIII. CONFERENCE REPORT – EUGENE, OR

Rene Kane stated most of the logistics for the 2013 Conference are outlined in the approved Oct. 3-4, 2013 minutes so she did not reiterate all the details. Ms. Kane stated the welcome reception will be held at the University of Oregon; 50 workshops and 11 neighborhood tours are planned. Ms. Kane stated they will ask registrants to opt out of paper copies for the registration book. Electronic registration books will be available to conference participants.

Ms. Kane stated they are currently lagging behind their overall goal of raising \$70, 000 in sponsorships by approximately \$40,000. Ms. Kane also informed the Board registration will be open in approximately 2 weeks. Ms. Kane and Richard Whipple explained they worked to consolidate conference presenter workshops to provide attendees the most for their money. Overall, more than 150 presenters were consolidated or partnered into workshop panels with a shared or split timeframe, which comprises one workshop with two or more perspectives on one topic.

Ron McCorkle asked how workshop presenters were asked to work with each other. Ms. Kane explained staff contacted presenters, made the suggestion and the presenters and the worked together. Ms. Kane closed by stating key information will be placed on the website to facilitate registration so trips can be planned in lieu of timely release of the conference registration book. Robert Gibbons stated the Awards Committee needs registration information to facilitate its planning process as well. George Lee also stated the Birmingham City Council vote is waiting to hear on costs for registration for neighborhood registrants. Birmingham, AL is planning to send 110 individuals to the 2014 NUSA Conference. Margaret Madden suggested we send contact information out via constant contact. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve the Conference report. Anne-Marie Taylor seconded. The motion carried.**

Robert Gibbons made a motion to amend the agenda to hold committee meetings at 10:30am, break for lunch, and reconvene as a Board at 1pm instead of 2pm. John Hargroves seconded. The motion carried.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Angela Rush called the meeting back to order at approximately 1:02 p.m.

a) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Richard Whipple asked the Board to approve two items:

1. Houston, TX conference logo – exemplifies what makes a community strong. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve; Margaret Madden seconded; Monique Coleman opposed. The motion carried.**
2. Purchase of two (2) \$50 gift cards for neighborhood tour raffles.

Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve the Program Development request stated above; John Hargroves seconded. The motion carried.

b) PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tige Watts stated the 2014 newsletter will go out soon to include 2014 conference activities, finalist for the BNPA and NOTY as well as NUSA Board election candidates. Mr. Watts also informed the Board we have recently moved from current web provider to a content manager system. Mr. Watts stated a redesign for the contact information page as well as the committee structure on the page will also be updated. Tige Watts also stated he will redesign the conference registration page and asked the Board to provide feedback as needed to improve the website. Mr. Watts asked that the Board approve the contract for hosting and maintenance; \$250 per year is the cost for the new contract. There are no costs for page redesign and there are some hourly costs. Mr. Watts is not recommending the Board change the budget for the contract.

With regards to email marketing, Mr. Watts stated there are several different marketing strategies being pursued to improve NUSA's public image. Regarding social media activities – Mr. Watts stated NUSA has up to 526 individuals have liked our page Since Feb. 2013, which is an 84.5% increase. Mr. Watts also asked Eugene, OR to look at establishing a Twitter screen at the conference. Long-term, NUSA may also want to modernize the website and consider developing a mobile app for NUSA.

Mr. Watts stated there are three (3) key action items from the Public Affairs report:

1. The Public Affairs Committee (PAC) asked for board approval to the contract with Carolina Software Group, regarding a contract for web hosting and domain services (\$250 annually plus hourly charges when they are needed.)
2. The PAC asked for board approval to undertake redesigning pages for “Contact Us,” “Conference Registration,” and other pages that need to be improved.
3. The PAC asked for board approval to accept the quarterly report presented.

Tige Watts closed with discussing email storage capacity and stated we have a 100 MB file storage for each email addresses. Angela Rush asked if the Board had a problem with the use of a cloud service for Board documents. Ron McCorkle stated *Drop Box* has 100 GB for \$100 a year. Rene Kane suggested *Google Docs*. Ms. Rush asked John Hargroves to look into possibilities for storage capacity further. John Hargroves said he will work with Ron McCorkle and Rene Kane on this item. **Robert made a motion approve the report, redesign the website, and save the contract approval for new business. John Hargroves seconded; the motion carried.**

c) RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Anne-Marie Taylor stated they are still working and researching and would like to have more time to finalize details before giving a full report. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to move the Resource Development Committee to the Budget, Finance, and Steering Committee. Robert Gibbons motioned, Jason Bergerson seconded. Monique Coleman and Ron McCorkle abstained. The motion carried.**

d) BYLAWS & RULES COMMITTEE

Ron McCorkle stated there are several free items but the Bylaws & Rules Committee narrowed options down to **Go-To Meeting**; it allows up to 25 conference members and all on one host (the admin assistant would be the host). Members can call in, be online, share documents, share media, and there is an application or “App” for the meeting. The fee for this service is \$468/year. Mr. McCorkle asked for Board approval. Robert Gibbons suggested the bylaws be amended before the Board approve the **Go-To Meeting** service. John Hargroves suggested the Board keep in mind when the Board holds meetings that the Board must allow all general members to join or attend the meeting if the desire to do so. If an electronic service is used in the future for any Board meeting, general membership participation must be considered. Ron McCorkle said his Committee will not restrict meeting participation and will open meetings up for a live viewing. Tige Watts suggested the committee present a bylaws & rules amendment that the Board can act upon on Feb. 21, which will be placed on the general membership voting ballot. The Board will present the amendment to the membership at the May 2014 conference for a vote. Ann-Marie Taylor asked if we can access Tech Soup donations. John stated we may have access to Tech Soup donations as a non-profit. As a result, John suggested we table the motion and discuss under committee business tomorrow [Feb. 21].

Eva Yakutis made a motion to purchase Go-To Meeting for the Board to use for all other services except a Board meeting until the bylaws are amended to allow for the use. Rene Kane seconded. John Hargroves made a motion to table this discussion for tomorrow’s [Feb. 21] meeting under new business; Robert Gibbons seconded. The motion carried.

Robert Gibbons made a motion to place Bylaws & Rules Committee at the top of the agenda under continuation of committee reports. Angela Rush seconded. Motion carried.

Tige Watts made a motion, [since the Board completed the business on the agenda for the day] that the Board move forward with committee reports to allow time for the neighborhood field trip tomorrow. Jason Bergerson seconded. The motion carried.

e) AWARDS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Robert Gibbons presented the Awards Committee Report. Robert Gibbons stated Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) had two (2) entries in the social revitalization category, four (4) in multi-partnership category, and six (6) in physical revitalization category, which must be narrowed down to four. The Best Neighborhood Program (BNP) had six entries and all will be invited to make presentations as finalists at the national conference. There were twenty (20) newsletter entries; 15 were print and 5 were electronic newsletter. There were 7 Who's Who nominations. NOTY, Newsletter, and Who's Who nominations all increased in entries from last year; Best Neighborhood Program award entries remained the same; six.

A cake will be served to celebrate the 30th Neighborhood of the Year Awards Anniversary. All conference attending past and present NUSA Presidents will be invited to participate in the cake ceremony.

Mr. Gibbons stated we received \$1545 of award entry fees via check; \$1330 paid via Pay Pal. Four (4) refunds will be given; an electronic payment of \$100, and three (3) over payments in NOTY entries, which paid \$100 instead of \$65. The current balance is \$2670. The Awards Committee will report back as to how the Committee will spend the funds. **John Hargroves made a motion to accept the report and explore additional recognition categories and Robert Gibbons seconded. The motion carried.**

f) BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting reconvened at 2:40 p.m. Before the meeting commenced, Monique Coleman called roll. All except the following members were present:

- Andre Bernard, Asst. Treasurer
- Loretta Buckner
- Deletta Dean
- Tony Olden
- Gerri Robinson
- David Rubedor
- Margaret Wallace-Brown
- Patrick Williams
- Margaret Madden

Gerri Robinson gave the Board Development Committee report. Nine (9) individuals submitted applications; the committee reviewed all to determine eligibility; all candidates appear to have attended required board training. The Board Development Committee recommended the NUSA Board accept all applications. The nine (9) 2014 NUSA Board candidates are as follows:

1. Diana Failla – Omaha Nebraska
2. Vatricia McKinney – Memphis, Tennessee
3. Tony Olden – Memphis, Tennessee
4. Angela Rush – Fort Worth, Texas
5. Gerri Robinson – Birmingham, Alabama
6. Anne-Marie Taylor – Indianapolis, Indiana
7. Tige Watts – Columbia, South Carolina
8. Richard Whipple – Fort Lauderdale, Florida
9. Patrick Williams – Saginaw, Michigan

Jason Bergerson suggested election procedures be updated in the standing rules. Angela Rush asked election procedure recommendations be provided to the bylaws committee. The Board discussed the possibility of developing a presentation for candidate introductions as well as a candidate forum.

Tige Watts suggested the dinner portion Thursday at 5:30pm-6pm [at the May 2014 conference] might be the most optimal time to facilitate a board candidate's forum. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to accept the Board Development Committee report and asked the Committee to and come back under new business tomorrow [Feb. 21] with specifics on a board candidate forum as well as board election procedures. Ron McCorkle seconded. The motion carried.**

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:12pm



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I. BUDGET, FINANCE, AND STEERING COMMITTEE (BFSC) MEETING (Executive Committee and all Committee Chairs required)

CALL TO ORDER (BFSC Members)

ROLL CALL (BFSC Members)

The meeting was called to order by NUSA Vice President, Tige Watts. Roll call was conducted by Monique Coleman, Secretary; quorum established.

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Angela Rush, President
- Tige Watts, Vice President
- John Hargroves, Treasurer
- Monique Coleman, Secretary
- DeAnna O'Malley, Asst. Secretary
- Jason Bergerson, Parliamentarian
- Robert Gibbons
- George R. Lee, Jr.
- Rene Kane
- Margaret Madden
- Ron McCorkle
- Anne-Marie Taylor
- Patrick Williams
- Eva Yakutis

STAFF PRESENT

- Jeri Pryor, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Andre Bernard, Asst. Treasurer
- Loretta Buckner
- Tony Olden
- Gerri Robinson

Tige Watts asked if any committees need to request an increase in a budget line item. Robert Gibbons made a request to increase the Awards Program Committee budget to incur the cost of the NOTY Anniversary cake. John Hargroves stated the cake cost will be funded out of the conference preparation line item. Angela Rush asked if the Program Award should increase the budget for Awards signage. John Hargroves suggested increasing the Awards Committee budget from \$4500 to \$4900. John Hargroves recommended the Committee decrease the postage, copying, and shipping to \$2100 to accommodate the Awards Committee request. Mailing of newsletters for members requires the Membership Services Committee budget increase from \$550 to \$1000. This increase will further decrease postage, copying, and shipping to \$1650. John Hargroves stated the proposed increase to the Membership Services Budget will cover all affiliate costs for committee business. Tige Watts stated there were no changes that affected the bottom line; he recapped the shifting of funds from the postage, copying, and shipping and increased the Award and Membership Committee budgets was appropriate. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve the recommended budget amendments, Monique Coleman seconded; the motion carried.**

Robert Gibbons asked that a line item be placed in the budget for the 40th NUSA Anniversary. John Hargroves said he would add that line item to the budget. **Robert Gibbons moved to adjourn the BFSC meeting and provide a report to the full Board. Jason Bergerson seconded. The motion carried.**

II. INVOCATION, CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Angela Rush called the meeting back to order. The full NUSA Board of Directors reconvened at 10:16am following the BFSC meeting. George Lee led the Board in invocation. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Monique Coleman called roll. Quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Angela Rush, President
- Tige Watts, Vice President
- John Hargroves, Treasurer
- Monique Coleman, Secretary
- DeAnna O'Malley, Asst. Secretary
- Jason Bergerson, Parliamentarian
- Robert Gibbons
- George R. Lee, Jr.
- Rene Kane
- Margaret Madden
- Ron McCorkle
- Anne-Marie Taylor
- Patrick Williams
- Eva Yakutis

STAFF PRESENT

- Jeri Pryor, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Andre Bernard, Asst. Treasurer
- Gerri Robinson
- David Rubedor (*unexcused*)
- Margaret Wallace-Brown
- Loretta Buckner
- Tony Olden
- Deletta Dean

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS - *Continuation of Unfinished Committee Reports & Action Items.*

Angela Rush noted there were some changes to the agenda. First the Budget, Finance, and Steering Committee will update the full Board on its discussion and outcome. Then, the following committee reports will commence: *Bylaws and Rules, Resource Development, Membership Services, and the candidate's forum (Board Development) under new business.* Tige Watts reiterated the changes in committee line items and noted the overall budget did not increase; only funds were moved from one line item (mailing and postage) to the committees requesting an increase. **Robert Gibbons moved to approve the BFSC report. Ron McCorkle seconded. The motion carried.**

a. BYLAWS & RULES COMMITTEE

Jason Bergerson stated the committee has reviewed the bylaws in its entirety. Mr. Bergerson stated Robert Gibbons provided changes for the Awards Committee standing rules and procedures. Mr. Bergerson noted several inconsistencies in the bylaws but noted there are two (2) items that need to be addressed at this time:

1. Electronic meetings
2. Electronic banking

The Committee's changes would impact Section 5D of the bylaws. The proposed language is consistent with the Sept. 2013 (11th Edition) of Roberts Rules of Order. Mr. Bergerson also suggested the Board insert language into Section 9B to allow for electronic banking. Section 9B of the NUSA Bylaws currently states, "all checks need two signatures".

If the proposed changes are approved, the term **signed** would be replaced with the word **authorized** to allow for electronic banking. The Board would authorize electronic banking. The Board discussed all proposed bylaw changes and discussed the issue of the language in the bylaws to address each qualified member being allowed one vote – *this item was discussed but a permanent resolution was not established by the Board.* **Robert Gibbons moved to accept the proposed Bylaw amendments for electronic meetings and electronic banking; John Hargroves seconded. The motion carried.**

Robert Gibbons made a motion requesting Membership Services send written notice (via mail and email) to city/county and corporate members asking that they specify a member voting designee (or delegate) by the May 2014 conference registration deadline. John Hargroves seconded. The motion carried.

Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve Standing Committee Procedures for Program Development for the host entity selection process and the Awards Program Committees changes, which included the application due date Feb 1, Notification date March 1, and added section about the newsletter competition. Eva Yakutis seconded. The motion carried.

b. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Angela Rush called the meeting back to order at 10:15 a.m. Anne-Marie Taylor stated the Resource Development Committee does not recommend changes to standing committee procedures. Ms. Taylor stated the Committee's short-term goal is to raise funds to support host entities. Resource Development will develop final sponsorship package for Board review for inclusion with procedures. The Resource Development Committee will also develop a process for vetting sponsors and coordinating with host entities. The developed process will also include a tracking method to quantify board member time and expenses. Upon presentation of the final report, Resource Development will request the NUSA Board approve the new process. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to accept the report with modifications. George Lee seconded. The motion carried.**

c. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE

Margaret Madden gave the Membership Services Committee report and stated there are 35 current city members, zero corporate members, 21 current affiliate members and 15 active affiliates. Ms. Madden also advised the Committee is working to revise the affiliate application. Ms. Madden stated there were two (2) current affiliates with renewal requests and six (6) new affiliate applications, which were presented to the Board for approval. The affiliate renewals and the new affiliate applications were approved with the committee report.

Affiliate Renewals: 2

Neighborhood Resources Corporation
The Urbiculture Foundation

South Bend, IN
Roanoke, VA

New Applications for Consideration: 6

Belmont Heights Community Association (BHCA)
Century Villages at Cabrillo
Neighborhood Leadership Program Alumni Support Team
Riverside Neighborhood Partnership
RRR – Residents for Responsible Representation
University Neighborhood Association

Long Beach, CA
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Ms. Madden stated the host entity will provide the membership cards and asked John Hargroves to provide supplemental information. Mr. Hargroves stated the membership cards will be laminated on card stock. The cards will be printed at registration and provided to members in the registration packet. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve the report and suggested the Committee work with the President and Administrative Assistant to develop and standardize the city/county membership application and come back with additional recommendations at the May 2014 Board meeting with follow-up recommendations. Jason Bergerson seconded. The motion carried.**

Robert Gibbons made a motion to keep the city membership information on the website until after the May 2014 conference; Gerri Robinson seconded; Tige Watts opposed. The motion carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Continuation of Discussion Regarding D&O (Directors & Officer's Liability) Insurance

John Hargroves stated a registered agent needs to make contact to establish D&O Insurance. Mr. Hargroves also stated he will come back at the May 2014 Board meeting with more information. **Robert Gibbons made the motion to defer this item to unfinished business at the May 2014 Board meeting; Eva Yakutis seconded. The motion carried.**

b. Bylaws Committee Discussion

Ron McCorkle recommended (in the form of a motion) the Board purchase an electronic meeting venue (Go-To Meeting) with the Administrative Assistant as the assigned meeting host with a budget of less than \$500 per year. John Hargroves seconded. Robert Gibbons opposed; the motion carried. Ron McCorkle stated the Board can purchase the service for \$250 to run a test on an electronic meeting venue. The Board voted. **The motion carried.**

Tige Watts followed up stating if the membership chooses to approve the proposed bylaws amendment that the electronic meeting be only used for the Feb/Winter meeting. The restriction would be specified in the standing rules.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of New Administrative Assistant Contract

Angela Rush asked for a motion to approve the Administrative Assistant Contract. Robert Gibbons asked for the specifics of the contract. Angela Rush stated it's a 1-yr contract with a \$7,000 salary and an option to renew. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve the contract; John Hargroves seconded. The motion carried.**

b. Web Services Contract

Tige Watts discussed the web services contract which is a reduction from \$1500 to \$250 annual fee with a new contact management system. **Robert Gibbons made a motion to approve the contract; Ron McCorkle seconded. The motion carried.**

c. NUSA's 40TH Anniversary

Angela Rush reviewed the list of committee members (Angela Rush, Tige Watts, Elton Gatewood, Robert Gibbons, George Lee, Judy Martinson, Karen Harber, Margaret Wallace-Brown, and Deanna O'Malley) who volunteered or were appointed to plan for NUSA's 40th Anniversary. Karen Harber will be the Honorary Chair. Robert Gibbons requested an email group for the 40th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee email. Robert suggested the Ad Hoc Committee members arrive in Eugene, OR early (Tuesday) pre-conference so discussions and decisions on this item can commence.

d. Conference Registration Fee

Based on yesterday's [Feb. 20] discussion during the conference report, **Rene Kane made a motion to authorize elimination of the late fee of \$325 (and keep one registration fee of \$225 through May 8) for the 2014 Conference. Ron McCorkle seconded. The motion carried.**

e. Board Development Election Procedures

Gerri Robinson discussed procedures as to what is needed when members of Board Development are running for the board. Other committee members will be needed to help facilitate board elections. Gerri Robinson mentioned the use of a proxy vote. Ron McCorkle asked if vote by proxy was a bylaw rule. Voting by proxy was no specific to board elections. Gerri Robinson asked for a time and location for the board training. Ron McCorkle asked the date deadline of January 1 be removed from the report so the Board can vote on the report presented. The board running application deadline will be used to update the committee procedures. Jason Bergerson stated the proposed modifications and recommendations for the election procedures did not appear to address the main concerns regarding voting logistics, campaigning, computers, and the board candidate's forum. Mr. Watts suggested the language regarding pictures should be changed to only request electronic photos. Angela Rush stated the proposed procedures submitted are not action items and ask the Board Development Committee to come back in May 2014 with recommendations to address these concerns.

Three motions:

1st MOTION: Robert Gibbons made a motion to place the Board Development Committee report on file. Jason Bergerson seconded. Three members (3) opposed, (9) approved, 1 abstained (Angela Rush); the motion carried.

2nd MOTION: Tige Watts made a motion to host a candidate's forum on Thursday from 5:30-6:00pm. Robert Gibbons made a friendly amendment directing the Board Development Committee to work with the host city and Richard Whipple to develop how to promote the forum. John Hargroves seconded. Tige Watts decided to withdraw the motion. Monique Coleman and Tige Watts abstained. The motion carried.

3rd MOTION: Gerri Robinson motioned for approval for a board candidate activity to be established. Monique Coleman made a motion amendment requesting the Board Development Committee to establish a board candidate activity for May 22 from 5:30-6:00pm, which will be specified in the registration booklet. Ron McCorkle seconded. The motion carried.

