



**2013 Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA)
Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 25th, 2013**

Hyatt Regency, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403

1. Call to Order and Opening Ceremonies

- 1.1. The meeting was called to order by President Angela Rush.
- 1.2. The invocation was led by Andre Bernard.
- 1.3. Vice President, Tige Watts led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.4. President Rush introduced the current NUSA board members and introduced the agenda.

2. Reading and Approval of the 2012 Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes

- 2.1. Estelle McCadden moved and Robert Gibbons provided a second to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as presented. The motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1. John Hargroves, Treasurer provided the report. Robert Gibbons moved and Geri Robinson seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

4. Call for Resolutions

- 4.1. Three resolutions had been submitted in accordance with the by-laws for consideration by the general membership.
- 4.2. **The first resolution** submitted by Robert Gibbons called for support of the national recognition of Neighbor's Day. Richard Whipple moved and Kaye Riser seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.
- 4.3. **The second resolution** submitted by Tige Watts requested the addition of a new volunteer award that recognizes acts of bravery. Robert Gibbons moved and Margaret Madden seconded the motion to approve the resolution request. Robert Gibbons and Jason Bergerson seconded a motion for the Awards Committee to look into estimates to make an award recognizing bravery. The motion carried.
- 4.4. **The third resolution** submitted by Kenneth Prevo stated board members upon the completion of three full terms must sit out three (3) consecutive terms before running again for the NUSA board. Robert Gibbons moved and Jason Bergerson seconded to accept the motion and place it on file to be considered as a future work of reference for

the bylaws and rules committee. Following discussion, the motion required a hand count vote. 45 members voted to approve, 29 members opposed, and 16 members abstained.

5. Board Development

5.1. Board Development Election Report and Introduction of Board Members: Elton Gatewood provided the election results. 235 members of the organization voted. This marks a 17% increase of members voting in this election. The seven candidates receiving the most votes were announced as follows:

1) Andre Bernard, 2) Margaret Wallace Brown, 3) George Lee Jr., 4) Eva Yakutis, 5) Rene Kane, 6) Ron McCorkle and 7) Deletta Dean. Robert Gibbons moved and a second was made to accept the report. The motion carried.

5.2. Mr. Lee, Board Development Committee Chair reported all bylaw amendments were approved.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. There was additional discussion on the third resolution introduced by Kenneth Prevo. There was a call to vote the resolution up or down. It was moved by John Hargroves and seconded by Dr. Carla Lee to vote the third resolution presented by Kenneth Prevo up or down. The vote which was conducted by a show of hands resulted in 29 yeas to approve the resolution. 49 nays and 5 abstentions. The resolution failed to be adopted.

7. New Business

7.1. None reported.

8. Adjournment

8.1. There being no other business John Hargroves moved and George Lee seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Renea Nash, Secretary (2013)