



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, May 24, 2014**  
**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Eugene Hilton & Conference Center – Playwrights Hall**  
**66 East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Eugene, Oregon**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Angela Rush called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

**II. OPENING CEREMONIES**

**a. Invocation**

Mr. Andre Bernard gave the invocation.

**b. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Tige Watts led the membership in the pledge of allegiance.

**c. Introduction of Neighborhoods, USA Board**

Ms. Rush introduced the NUSA Board and introduced Ms. Beverly Przybylski, Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

**III. REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS**

There were no items submitted for resolution.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2013 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Monique Coleman informed the membership the minutes were provided in their packets. Ms. Coleman called for questions, concerns or comments on the minutes. Since there were none, Monique Coleman stated the minutes are approved as printed.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT-APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

John Hargroves reviewed the Neighborhoods, USA FY 2013 Budget and Financial Report. After reviewing the report, Mr. Hargroves concluded by stating: NUSA's total income was \$133,199.29, total expenses were \$28, 491.37, and total checkbook balance was \$104,707.92.

**Teri Wright from Birmingham, AL**-Ms. Wright asked if a specific bank transaction was a loan. Mr. Hargroves stated there was a deposit in error by the bank. Since the transaction showed up as a deposit and withdrawal on the check registry (and due to the significant amount), he felt it was prudent to report the transaction to the general membership.

**VI. REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS ON ELECTION RESULTS**

Ms. Rush called Gerri Robinson, Board Development Chair up to report on the Bylaws Vote. Ms. Robinson stated both bylaws changes were approved. Ms. Robinson stated Section 9-B. CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSIT, AND FUNDS – Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes or other indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be authorized by two officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, unless incapacitated. The Board shall adopt Standing Rules addressing electronic banking. With each election of new officers the Board will,

by resolution, designated the signatures on Corporate Accounts. Of 136 votes 133 voted, “YES—I support the proposed change to the selection of the NUSA bylaws above” 3 voted, “NO—I oppose the proposed change to the section of the NUSA bylaws above” and 0 voted, “No Response.” The motion carried and the bylaw was hereby amended.

Ms. Robinson further stated, Section 5-D MEETING OF MEMBERS – Electronic or Telephonic Meeting. Meeting by electronic or telephonic means is authorized. Rules for conduct of electronic meetings will be established and adopted by the Board. Actions taken by the Board during electronic or telephonic meetings requiring individual approval must be ratified by the Board at a regular meeting or property called meeting of the Board in order to become an official act. The remaining numbering under Section 5 would be adjusted accordingly. Of 136 votes 125 voted, “YES—I support the proposed change to the section of the NUSA bylaws above” 11 voted, “NO—I oppose the proposed change to the section of the NUSA bylaws above” and 0 voted, “No Response.”

Mr. Rush called for George Lee, Board Development Committee member to give a report on the election results. Mr. Lee reported of 136 total votes the election results were as follows:

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| 1. Gerri Robinson received 111 votes | 5. Anne-Marie Taylor received 101 votes |
| 2. Tige Watts received 108 votes     | 6. Richard Whipple received 101 votes   |
| 3. Angela Rush received 105 votes    | 7. Vetricia McKinney received 97 votes  |
| 4. Tony Olden received 104 votes     |   |

#### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Rush stated there was no unfinished business to discuss.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Rush stated there was no new business for the general membership to discuss.

#### IX. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Ms. Rush called for comments from members. Ms. Rush advised all general members in attendance wishing to make comments should come to the microphone, state their name and the city and state in which they reside. The comments from the general membership were as follows:

1. **Elizabeth Burris from Tacoma, Washington** commented on meeting etiquette. She said there were members that were talking on their cell phones during presentations and it was very disruptive.
2. **James Roseboro from Wichita, Kansas** commented on the price of t-shirts. The cost should be included in the registration. He also wanted to see a register of all attendees from the conference.
3. **Rosemary “Romi” Slowiak, from Saint Paul, Minnesota** commented she enjoyed every minute and stated the speakers were spectacular. She suggested that a historic tour be arranged for participants who may be interested.
4. **Tim Harris from Memphis, Tennessee** commented he had a great time and learned a lot that he plans to take back. He suggested NUSA provide a written shuttle scheduled for overflow hotels. He stated River Valley Inn Hotel was fantastic.
5. **Cherrah Giles from Okmulgee (Muskogee Creek Nation), Oklahoma** commented NUSA should market to tribes as well as neighborhoods and find workshops that would appeal to tribes.
6. **Estelle McCadden from Roanoke, Virginia** commented NUSA should require the presenters bring enough packets or provide the information online so it is provided to the entire membership. NUSA should make it required to bring packets for session attendees.

