



Neighborhoods, USA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 28, 2016

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

NUSA President Andre Bernard called the Annual General Membership Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Ballroom E of the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tenn. Parliamentarian Tony Olden delivered the invocation while Vice President Tige Watts led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Bernard introduced individual members of the NUSA Board and Dr. Charles Schulz, who was hired by NUSA for his professional parliamentarian skills for this meeting.

II. REPORT & ACTION ITEMS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

Jason Bergerson, Chair for Bylaws and Rules, reported there were two resolutions submitted. One resolution was withdrawn. The second resolution dealt with the amount of time a board member who has served a maximum of 9 years should sit out before becoming eligible to run for the board again. Kenneth Prevo and LaTonya Milhouse, from Birmingham, Ala. spoke in support of increasing the time-out period from 12 to 24 months.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2015 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NUSA Secretary Loretta Buckner asked members to review the minutes from the 2015 meeting that were included in their conference registration packets. Janet Bonet from Omaha, Neb. asked for the spelling of her name to be corrected. Carla Lee from Wichita, Kan. to list name of host cities in the title on front and add secretary's name, title and signature to the last page of minutes. George Lee from Birmingham, Ala. made a motion to approve minutes with corrections. James Roseboro from Wichita, Kan. seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

NUSA Treasurer Rush provided the annual financial report. After reviewing line items on the report, NUSA President Andre Bernard accepted the report as information for this meeting.

V. NUSA ELECTION RESULTS

Beryl McCadden Pritko, Chair of the Board Development Committee, reported a total of 285 members cast ballots in this year's election, where nine candidates were running for seven seats. The results were:

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| 1. George Lee, Jr. received 158 votes. | 5. Paul Gambill received 145 votes. |
| 2. Rene Kane received 152 votes. | 6. Jerry Caligiuri received 121 votes. |
| 3. Annie Rodgers received 151 votes. | 7. Wanda Sloan received 120 votes. |
| 4. Lisa Middleton received 151 votes. | |

Chester Wallace received 148 votes and Diane Cane received 145 votes. However, because both candidates live in the same city (Birmingham, Ala) as top vote getter George Lee, they could not be seated in the one available seat on the board.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no unfinished business items to discuss

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There were no unfinished business items to discuss

IX. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

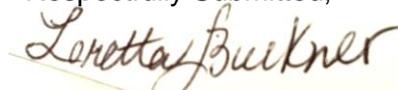
- A. **Chester Wallace from Birmingham, Ala.** shared concerns about voting procedures; and would like clarification about how tallying-of-votes are done. He believes the number of board members from any one City should be increased from two to three.
- B. **Terry Wright, from Birmingham, Ala.** shared a comment regarding appropriate policing, and suggested Board Members bring people to the NUSA conferences, and aggressively increase City and Affiliate memberships.
- C. **Donna White from Memphis, Tenn.** said there is no opportunity to #Tag NUSA Conference on Twitter, and there is no standing committee in place for marketing NUSA.
- D. **Robert Walker from Little Rock, Ark,** requested conference materials be available online. Members need more tools available such as powerpoints, spreadsheets, etc. and make them available much faster. Walker said Google Chrome does not work.
- E. **Janet Wilson from Wichita, Kan.** suggested that beginning in 2020, NUSA shift the conference date from before Memorial Day to after the holiday.
- F. **Robin Cash from Cedar Rapids, Iowa** said this is her first NUSA Conference, she agreed with Mr. Walker's comments regarding the availability of materials and information. Cash suggested that all workshops and the keynote speaker's messages be recorded and made available for attendees to take home to their cities.
- G. **Catherine Alexander from Spokane, Wash.** said this is her first NUSA Conference. Requested conference offer more opportunity for participation, especially in the spreading of information.
- H. **Henry Nichols from San Bernadino, California** said he appreciates NUSA and Memphis is his second conference. Requested NUSA have conference information available in advance, and provide email address information to contact presenters.
- I. **Janet Bonet from Omaha, Nebraska** suggested for future board elections there be a Candidates Reception, located in a more centralized area. Also, that there be more information available to cast a vote.
- J. **Bob Rutledge from Anchorage, Alaska** wanted to say "Thank You" for a good conference.

- K. **Vanessa Phillips from Birmingham, Alabama** said this is her first time attending a NUSA Conference. Phillips is 54 and wanted to say "Thank You".
- L. **Carla Lee from Wichita, Kansas** said including the themes in the program is good. Lee made suggestions to promote more resolutions, candidate forums, and transparency.
- M. **Gerri Robinson from Birmingham, Alabama** said NUSA offered candidate forums in the past, and had round-table discussions where the candidates were introduced and given a chance to speak and answer questions.
- N. **James Manahan from Little Rock, Arkansas** suggested we abandon the use of Roberts Rules of Order. It would be fair to provide an open forum, include a member of Policies and Procedures (P and P) and National Rules of Order, because people are unfamiliar with using Roberts Rules and would need training on how to use it.
- O. **Kevin Weir from Austin, Texas** said he has the best time, this was the best conference and he wanted to say "Thank You" for a great conference.
- P. **James Roseboro from Wichita, Kansas** commented that there were elderly people who had to wait over seven hours for a room, after traveling more than 8 hours. He said there needs to be an overflow hotel that will accommodate attendees timely.

X. Adjournment (10:53 a.m.)

There being no more comments or business items to discuss, NUSA President Andre Bernard adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Loretta F. Buckner,
NUSA Secretary
Wichita, Kansas