

ASQHA Minutes
Board Meeting
April 26, 2006

Call to order: 6:15p.m.

Roll call of Officers: was done by the Secretary Renea Fox; all board members were present at this meeting. Sandra McQueen, Renea Fox, Katie Carney, Debbie Erickson, Valerie Baxter, BJ McJimesy, Kimball McIlvain.

Approval of the Agenda: The board moved the Youth's reports before the treasurer's report. The Board of Directors announcement will be done by BJ McJimsey not by Ralph Seekins. There will be two separate reports given. After the corrections were made to the Agenda it was then approved. Sandra McQueen stated with the approval of the Agenda she wanted to turn the meeting over to Ralph Seekins to chair the rest of the meeting. Valerie Baxter made the motion to have Ralph Seekins chair the rest of the board meeting. Debbie Erickson seconds the motion. There was no opposition to the motion so it was approved for Ralph Seekins to chair the meeting.

Ralph then asked that Stephanie Barney give the youth report. Stephanie then stood up and gave the youth report. Stephanie let the board know that the youth have chosen their Youth Advisor who is Laura Fitzgerald O'Neal; Co- Advisor is Beth Austin; and the Youth Committee Chairperson is Bert McQueen. She also asked the Board to approve the Youth Guidelines. Discussion followed Stephanie's report. It was pointed out that the state bylaws require any members of the Board or officers to have been a member in the calendar year prior to service. Laura Fitzgerald O'Neal has paid her membership for 2006 but was not a member of ASQHA in 2005. However, the position of Youth Advisor is not specifically listed under the state bylaws so the Board considered this moot. The board approved the election of Laura Fitzgerald O'Neal as primary Youth Advisor and Beth Austin as Co-Advisor. The Youth Guidelines are pending the review of the board for the next board meeting.

There was a report from the Board of Directors which was noted that the Board of Directors was Valerie Baxter; BJ McJimesy; Debbie Erickson; and Kimball McIlvain. BJ McJimsey read the announcement to the Board. (read the attachment)

Ralph asked for any comments. Ralph stated that he was not at the whole meeting so he didn't know which bylaws were allegedly violated and that during the part of the meeting where he was in attendance, he stated he did not feel that there were any problems. Ralph asked that the situation be explained and asked for a citation of which bylaws were abridged. Valerie spoke and described the events of the April 18 meeting under question and addressed which bylaws were abridged. The bylaw that was abridged was under Article V-Board of Directors, Section 8. Kimball spoke up and stated that the Vice-President wanted to send out a courtesy letter only. Ralph asked if it was on the Agenda. Valerie spoke up and said yes it was on the agenda. Valerie also stated that the Board of

Directors should have stepped in and used the Article IX, Section I, to make a final decision on the argument. Ralph stated that this was a correctable error and it could be corrected with the board today. He also stated that it was not something to take on a national level and bother those people who have enough to deal with. Ralph then asked Valerie what is the next step. Valerie stated that the executive committee needs to meet and they need to review the performance of Kathy Kurkowski and accept or deny the resignation of Kathy Kurkowski. Ralph also said that it would be corrected as we reached it on the agenda. Ralph also asked if anyone opposed this recommendation. No one opposed. Ralph asked if there were anymore bylaws infractions to address. There were none.

The next item on the agenda was the board retreat. Ralph asked if there was a motion for the board retreat. Sandy McQueen made a motion to hold a retreat, Valerie Baxter made the second to the motion. Kimball asked for a discussion. She wanted to have a 3rd party mediator. Ralph stated that he could do it, if he can fit it in his schedule and Valerie also stated there was another person who is not connected with ASQHA who did 3rd party mediation for IHA and her name was Sherri Pristash. Sandy stated that she would be more comfortable with someone that they know. Ralph stated that if he could he would like to be the mediator. Ralph then asked Kimball if that was an amendment to the motion for the retreat. Kimball stated yes and she moved there was a second by Sandy. Ralph asked if there were any objections to the amendment to the recommendation. Ralph went back to the main recommendation on the retreat and wanted to know if there was any further discussion or objections at this time. There were no objections to the main recommendation and it was amended.

Treasurer's Report: was tabled till the next board meeting May 9, 2006.

Minutes: Postponed till May 9, 2006 meeting. Valerie made a motion and BJ second it. There was no opposition.

Ralph moved to Old Business where he read the bylaws and shared with the board that we have the right to appoint someone President for the interim until November. Ralph said that before we get into any nominations he would allow discussion from the members. Ralph stated that there were no nominations at this time on the floor. He opened it up for the members to speak. Sandy wanted to have on the record her concerns that whoever assumed the role of interim President that they would put the members first. She would very much like to see that our officers are member driven too. With the vision of the members in mind, Kimball stated her reservations about filling the position right away – she did not see the reason for expediency. Since there is a bylaw review being planned, she would like to delay the appointment until after the review of the bylaws. This would give the person taking the position a clear idea of the duties and responsibilities of the presidency. Valerie stated that she felt it would be better to conduct a bylaw review with a full team of officers and directors in order to facilitate working together and to give the Board a feeling of ownership over the running of ASQHA. Ralph spoke up and made a comment that working for a volunteer organization is one of the hardest jobs anyone person can take on. The authority of being the President comes with hard work and responsibility.

Ralph opened the floor for nominations for the appointment of an interim President. Renea Fox spoke for the nominating committee to put the candidate out to the board. The person who was nominated for this position is Valerie Baxter. Ralph asked if there was any other nomination from the members. Ralph closed the floor to the nominations and asked the secretary Renea to call the roll for votes on nominations: Sandy McQueen abstain; Renea Fox yes; Katie Carney yes; Debbie Erickson yes; Valerie Baxter yes; BJ McJimsey yes; Kimball McIlvain abstain. Ralph stated that at this point we have two abstentions and the remainder of the members have voted in favor. The nominations are now closed. The only nominations I have received are that of Valerie Baxter to serve as the Interim President. With that in mind, it is important now that the Board of Directors vote whether or not to accept the nomination and to appoint Valerie Baxter as the Interim President. Ralph asked the secretary to call the roll again. A question of procedure was brought up about whether or not the officers are allowed to vote. Ralph stated that the officers are a part of the board of directors. Ralph asked for a pause to clarify this question. It seems to be a grey area. Under Article V. Also in Article VI under duties (B). Valerie stated that you could interpret that the officers are allowed to vote with the directors. Valerie moved to make a motion to clarify that the officers have the right to vote along with the directors to conduct and manage and control the affairs and business of the association. Kimball seconds the motion. Ralph asked if there was any one opposing there was not. It was clarified that all the officers have the right to vote.

Ralph stated that we have one nomination on the floor and called upon the secretary Renea to call the roll. Sandy McQueen abstained; Renea Fox yes; Katie Carney yes; Debbie Erickson yes; Valerie Baxter yes; BJ McJimsey yes; Kimball McIlvain abstained; the directors approved the appointment of Valerie Baxter as Interim President.

Ralph move to the next agenda item Under New Business: Account signatures. Sandy moved to approve Valerie Baxter as President, be allowed signatory authority of the ASQHA accounts. Objection for discussion from Katie in that the secretary has to be included with the treasurer and the president. Due to the secretary has to sign the paperwork for the bank. Sandy amended her motion to include Renea Fox and BJ. McJimsey seconded the motion. Katie will coordinate with Valerie and Renea to take care of this matter.

Ralph moved to next item which was July / Anchorage show. Volunteers are needed to help out with this show. Need show manager, secretary, ring steward. Katie stated that all paperwork has to be turned in by May 5th, 2006. Katie broke down what each job is for all present.

Ralph moved to the next item on the agenda; nominations received for Interior Board vacancies. Ralph asked if the executive committee had time to review Kathy's resignation or not. Ralph entertained a motion to recess the board meeting to allow the executive committee to review the performance of Kathy Kurkowski and to either accept or reject her resignation. Debbie Erickson so moved for the motion; second by Valerie and there was no objections.

The executive committee went into session under the direction of Valerie Baxter. Katie moved to accept the resignation of Kathy Kurkowski and Renea Fox second. Valerie asked if there was any discussion. Katie spoke that she felt that there was enough evidence that Kathy did not want to return to the board. Valerie then asked if a letter could still go out thanking Kathy for her time and hard work. Valerie then stated that the executive committee recognizes Kathy Kurkowski's resignation through absences according to bylaws. Without further objection the executive committee adjourned and returned to the regular board meeting.

Ralph reconvenes the board and as he understands it, the executive committee accepted Kathy Kurkowski's resignation. Renea was asked for her nominations that she had received to fill the position. The nomination of Christina Worker for this position was made and her eligibility verified. Ralph asked for a unanimous ballot for Christina Worker to be placed in this position. Valerie so moved and Debbie Erickson second it. Ralph asked for any objections hearing none Christina Worker was appointed to the seat of Interior Director vacated by Kathy Kurkowski. Valerie asked what about her seat that is now open due to the President appointment. Board tabled it for the next meeting for nominations and vote.

Ralph moved to the next item which is to hear from the members. Gabby had some positive items to say she wanted to thank everyone for holding things together. Moreover she wanted to thank Edie Sands for all her dedication to the organization and Sandy wanted to thank Edie for her ongoing support. Debbie Erickson made a motion to give an honorary lifetime membership to Edith Sands in recognition of her service to ASQHA. Valerie Baxter second the motion. The motion was carried with no objections. Ralph was thanked by several members for his help in chairing the meeting.

Next meeting is May 9, 2006 at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned 7:30p.m.