



**GOVERNING BOARD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 9, 2017 – Anatole Hotel, Dallas, TX**

- I. Called to order by President, Nancy Garcia at 8:05 a.m.
- II. Invocation by Becky DeButts, Austin Local President
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag by Tom Gallagher, Lake Houston, Local President.
- IV. Inspiration by Jackie York, El Paso Del Norte, Local President
- V. Introductions by President Nancy Garcia including special guests, Heather Ozur.
- VI. Roll Call by Sheryl Hunter, 2017 Secretary.
- VII. The agenda was approved as presented.
- VIII. Minutes posted from the February meeting held in Austin were submitted and approved by the 2017 Minutes Review Committee.
- IX. 2017 Financial Report presented by Dawn Lavka. (attached)
- X. The 2018 Budget was presented by Kristin Neff, Budget and Finance Chair. (Copy attached.) A **motion** was made by Kristin Neff to accept the 2018 budget as presented. **Motion passed.**
- XI. The Nominating Committee Report presented by Ethel O'Dell, 2016 President. The slated names presented were Shannon Register, President Elect, Sheryl Hunter, Treasurer, Peggie Pentecost, Secretary; Governors: Ruby Johnson, Christina Daw (Withdrew leaving position for Governor vacant), and Betty Mendoza (Withdrew leaving position for Governor vacant); District Vice Presidents: Delara Aubon, Laura Diaz (Withdrew leaving position for District Vice President vacant), Mandie McMillan, Jayne Mendoza, Amy Montayne, and Kathy Wade Turner. Members of the Nominating were thanked recognized by Ethel O'Dell.
- XII. Credentials Report was presented by Denise Weber, Credentials Chair. There were 44 voting delegates, casting 55 weighted votes and 36 general members present. A membership quorum is present.

XIII. **Elections of 2018 Officers** – Carolyn Sutherlin Cook will oversee the votes. President Nancy read a letter addressed to Texas Membership on July 2 from National regarding problems which occurred during the 2018 nominating process.

Nancy Garcia reviewed the “Rules of the Day,” which were distributed with the governing board packet. (Attached)

Sheila Moran, San Antonio will automatically serve as President. The slated candidate for President Elect is Shannon Register. Dawn Lavka, Austin was nominated by Amy Montayne. Weighted voted count was Shannon Register (21), Dawn Lavka (38). Dawn Lavka elected.

The slated candidate for Treasurer, Sheryl Hunter was elected. The slated candidate for Secretary, Peggie Pentecost was elected. The slated candidate Ruby Johnson was elected. Slated candidate for Governor withdrew, leaving position vacant, Patti St. Louis, Montgomery County was nominated by Sharon Eddings, Patti St. Louis elected. Slated candidate for Governor withdrew, leaving second governor position available, Shannon Register, Great Northwest was nominated by Cindy Calicchio. Shannon Register was elected as Governor. Shannon Register withdrew leaving third vacancy for governor available, Becky Hill nominated Tammy Norquist and Amy Montayne nominated Renee Coulson. Weighted vote Tammy Nordquist (32), Renee Coulson (24). Tammy Nordquist elected.

The slated candidates for District Vice President: Delara Aubon, Mandie McMillan, Jayne Mendoza, Amy Montayne and Kathy Wade Turner were elected. Slated candidate for District Vice President withdrew, leaving position available, Becky DeButts was nominated and elected as District Vice President.

XIV. **Election of 2018 Nominating Committee:** Past President (One Past President selected from the Past Presidents Committee) Mary Ann Jeffers and One alternate selected, Cathy Mitchell.

One Governing Board Member & Alternate: Three nominations of Tammy Nordquist, Great Northwest, Beth Fitzgerald, Dallas and Becky DeButts, Austin. One Governing Board Member: Tammy Nordquist (31), Alternate: Beth Fitzgerald (14), Becky DeButts (9).

Three General Membership: Six nominations: Tom Gallagher, Lake Houston; Bret Nordquist, Great Northwest; Laura Lea Moore, Brazos Valley; Ashley Andreski, Brazos Valley; Lizeth Smith, El Paso; Monica Atkins, Montgomery County. The three general members: Lizeth Smith (21), Bret Nordquist (19), Tom Gallagher (16). The two alternates are: Ashley Andreski (8), and Monica Atkins (6). Laura Lea Moore (5).

XV. Election of 2018 Strategic Planning Committee:

Three Governing Board Members: Tiffany Wright, Tammy Kister, Florence Terrell were elected by acclamation.

Two General Members: Amy Karns, Dallas Metro East, Laura Lea Moore, Brazos Valley, Aundrea Allen, Southwest Dallas. The two general members will be Amy Karns (22), Aundrea Allen (22). Laura Lea Moore (17)

A request was made and approved to destroy the ballots by acclamation.

XVI. Officer Reports:

A. President, Nancy Garcia: Verbal report given. (Attached)

B. President Elect, Sheila Moran: Verbal report given. (Attached)

C. Treasurer, Dawn Lavka: Verbal report given. (Attached)

D. Secretary, Sheryl Hunter: Verbal report given. (Attached)

Recommendation made by Sheryl Hunter – In accordance with the Strategic Plan, the Executive Officers have charged the Bylaws Committee with the duties of removing those parts of the Standing Rules that do not require governing board approval, such as the duties, to a Procedure Manual and the Bylaws Committee will be bringing a motion forward.

Motion made by Sheryl Hunter to remove the Immediate Past President from the executive line of Texas. **Motion Passed.**

E. Regional Vice President and Immediate Past President, Ethel O'Dell: Verbal report given. (Attached)

F. Governors:

Area A, Robby Valadez for Christina Daw. Verbal report given. (Attached)

Area B, Peggie Pentecost verbal report given. (Attached)

Area C, Shannon Register verbal report given. (Attached)

G. District Vice Presidents

Area A-District 1: Mary Nelson verbal report given. (Attached)
Congratulated El Paso on moving up from a large Network to a mega Network.

Area A-District 2: Robby Valadez verbal report given. (Attached)

Area B-District 3: Beth Fitzgerald verbal report given. (Attached)
Congratulated and welcomed the new Network, Lubbock with 30 members.

Area B- District 4: Beth Fitzgerald for Michelle Mihalko. Verbal report given. (Attached)

Area C- District 5: Ruby Johnson verbal report given. (Attached)
Acknowledged Lake Houston as the winner of the membership contest.

Area C-District 6: Oral report included in Shannon Register's Governor report.

XVII. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Bylaws, Patti St. Louis, Chair: Verbal report given. (Attached)

Motion made by Patti St. Louis to approve the Standing Rules as presented and any reference to a procedure manual is for informational purposes only and is not part of the Standing Rules. **Motion passed.**

B. Education and Program: Verbal report given by Jan Boyle. (Attached)

Motion made by Jan Boyle to transfer up to \$3,000 to pay for speaker Bruce Gardner for his presentations on Friday, September 8, 2017. Money to be transferred from Education Reserves. **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Jan Boyle to transfer up to \$1,000 for Sonny Melendez speaking at Leadership Orientation. Money to be transferred from Education Reserves. **Motion passed.**

C. Finance and Budget, Kristin Neff, Chair: Verbal report given. (Attached)

Motion made by Kristin Neff to move \$2500 from the General Reserve Fund to reimburse State on line item 6080 Professional Services for Houston Network tax preparation that was already paid for in the amount of \$5600. **Motion passed.**

D. Leadership Development and Identification: Verbal report given by Sylvia Seabolt, Vice Chair. **Motion made** to approve the Leadership Development Identification budget (attached). **Motion passed.**

Jo Ann Stevens reported the following are Sterling Committee appointments:

Executive Committee: Jo Ann Stevens, Sylvia Seabolt; Liaison: Deborah Spangler, Linda Sheinall, Becky Hill; Sterling Committee: Nancy Garcia, Shannon Register, Christina Daw, Kathy Wade Turner; Finance & Budget: Sheryl Hunter, Peggie Pentecost; Annual Business Meeting: Michelle Mihalko, Mary Nelson. Other positions are available.

E. Membership Committee: Verbal report given by Lizeth Smith. (Attached)

F. Strategic Planning Committee: Verbal report given by Cathy Mitchell. (Attached)

Motion made by Cathy Mitchell to invite Jim Delizia to come back to facilitate the 2018 Strategic Planning Committee with the development of a new 3-year strategic plan for the Texas Network. Up to \$10,000 to be allocated from the General Reserve Fund to cover the cost of his facilitation. **Motion passed.**

XVII. Special Committee Reports:

A. Affiliate of the Year: Kristin Neff – Oral Report given. Nomination forms were sent out and the deadline to return nominations is November 1, 2017.

B. Emergency Response: Verbal reported given by Carolyn Wyckoff. (Attached)

C. Credentials: Verbal report given by Denise Weber. (Attached)

D. Entrepreneur of the Year: Verbal report given by Ethel O'Dell. Nomination forms must be returned on or before October 17, 2017.

E. Historian: Verbal report given by Connie Parsons.

F. Hospitality: Verbal report given by Jackie York. (Attached)

G. Investments: Verbal report given by Kristin Neff. (Attached)

H. Past Presidents Report: Verbal report given by Carolyn Sutherlin-Cook. (Attached)

Recommendation to Executive: Utilize \$1000 discretionary scholarship fund plus \$250 remaining in the Past President Scholarships to underwrite cost for Cameron County officers to attend State Leadership Orientation.

I. Strategic Partners: Verbal report given by Delara Aubon. (Attached)

J. Ways and Means: Verbal report given by Bret Nordquist. (Attached)

XVIII. Announcements: TAR Installation ticket information.

XIX. Next Meeting: February 9, 2018 at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Austin, TX
Texas Association of REALTORS® Meeting

XX. Meeting Adjourned: 10:28 a.m.

Sheryl Hunter
2017 Secretary