



**GOVERNING BOARD AND ELECTION MEETING/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 6, 2014 – HYATT REGENCY, SAN ANTONIO, TX**

- I. Called to order by President Sharon Morton at 7:30 a.m.
- II. Invocation by Donna Bennefield, Golden Triangle Chapter
Pledges led by Patti Lyerla, Greater Tarrant County
Inspiration by Peggie Pentecost, Houston Chapter
- III. Introductions by President Sharon Morton.
- IV. Roll Call by Ethel O'Dell, 2014 State Secretary
- V. Approval of Agenda as Presented. Copy attached.
- VI. Ratification of Officers by President Sharon Morton
Motion made by Cathy Mitchell to ratify the appointments of Sheila Moran as Governor and Cindy Cox as District Vice President. **Motion passed.**
- VII. Minutes of the September meeting were accepted as approved by the 2014 Minutes Review Committee. Copy attached
- VIII. 2014 Financial Report presented by Cathy Hamlin, Treasurer. Copy attached.
Motion made by Cathy Hamlin to pay the IRS an amount up to \$1722.00 from the General Reserve for proposed taxes for 2013 if after research and verification from the IRS that this amount is deemed to be correct. **Motion passed with 83-Yes votes and 4-No votes**
- IX. Approval of 2015 Budget presented by Patti St. Louis, 2015 Finance & Budget Chair.
Motion made by Patti St. Louis to approve the 2015 Chapter budget which is balanced. Copy attached. **Motion passed.**
- X. Rules of the day by President Sharon Morton
- XII. Nominating Committee Report presented by Sylvia Seabolt. Copy attached.
Slate of Officers: President Elect, Ethel O'Dell; Secretary, Stacey Buettner; Treasurer, Angela Ochoa; Governors- Renee Coulson, Robbie Fenn, Nancy Garcia; District Vice Presidents – Melissa Clinton, Beth Fitzgerald, Michelle Mihalko, Sonya Powers
- XIII. Credentials Report presented by Scott Jauregui with **50** delegates casting **57** weighted votes and **48** general members present. **A quorum** is present.

XIV. Election of 2014 Officers

Cathy Mitchell, Dallas Chapter will automatically serve as President.

The slated candidate for President-elect, Ethel O'Dell, Montgomery County Chapter, was elected.

The slated candidate for Secretary is Stacey Buettner, Collin County Chapter. Nancy Garcia, Dallas Chapter was nominated by VaLois Hounsel. Weighted vote count was Stacey Buettner (23), Nancy Garcia (34). Nancy Garcia was elected.

The slated candidate for Treasurer, Angela Ochoa, EL Paso Del Norte Chapter was elected.

The slated candidates for Governors are Renee Coulson, Abilene Chapter; Robbie Fenn, Abilene Chapter and Nancy Garcia, Dallas Chapter. Robbie Fenn withdrew her name in support of her agent Renee Coulson. Beth Fitzgerald, Dallas Chapter, was nominated by Nancy Garcia. Stacey Buettner, Collin County Chapter, was nominated by Jo Ann Stevens. Beth Fitzgerald, Dallas Chapter; Stacey Buettner, Colin County Chapter and Renee Coulson, Abilene Chapter were elected.

The slated candidates for Texas District Vice President are Beth Fitzgerald, Dallas Chapter, Melissa Clinton; Brazos Valley Chapter; Michelle Milhalko, Montgomery County Chapter; Sonya Powers, Highland Lakes Chapter. Beth Fitzgerald's name was withdrawn due to her election as Governor. Robbie Fenn, Abilene Chapter, was nominated by Sylvia Seabolt. Cheryl Hunter, Great Northwest Chapter, was nominated by Michelle Murray. Lizeth Smith, El Paso Del Norte Chapter, was nominated by Melissa Elizonda. Sherry Jones, Southwest Dallas County Chapter was nominated by Kimmie Jones. Melissa Clinton, Brazos Valley Chapter; Michelle Milhalko, Montgomery County Chapter; Sonya Powers, Highland Lakes Chapter; Robbie Fenn, Abilene Chapter; Cheryl Hunter, Great Northwest Chapter; Lizeth Smith, El Paso Del Norte Chapter and Sherry Jones Southwest Dallas County Chapter, were elected.

XV. Election of 2015 Nominating Committee

A. Past President (One Past President & one Alternate) – Will meet and select later today. At the end of the meeting the Past President Committee advised selection of Sharon Eddings as selected Past President and Linda Sheinall as alternate

B. Governing Board Member (1 member): One member nominated Dawn Lavka, Highland Lakes Chapter, nominated by Sonya Powers. Dawn Lavka was elected as member from Governing Board.

Governing Board Alternate (1 member): One member nominated Patti St. Louis, Montgomery County Chapter, nominated by Dawn Lavka. Patti St. Louis was elected as alternate.

- C. General Membership (3-members): 5 members nominated.
Shannon Register, Great Northwest Chapter; Veronica Taylor, Dallas Chapter;
Pamela Redman, Abilene Chapter; Aundrea Allen, Southwest Dallas County Chapter;
Randall Zamora, San Antonio Chapter.

Nominating General Member A: Weighted Vote count was Veronica Taylor-24, Shannon Register-19, Randall Zamora-17, Pam Redman-11 and Aundrea Allen-4.

Runoff between Veronica Taylor and Shannon Register for General Membership Member A. Weighted votes were Veronica Taylor-47 and Shannon Register-35.

Veronica Taylor, Dallas Chapter, was elected Nominating General Member A

Nominating General Member B: Voting for Member B was between Shannon Register with 41 weighted votes, Randall Zamora with 21 weighted votes, Aundrea Allen with 14 weighted votes and Pam Redman with 10 weighted votes. Runoff between Shannon Register with 49 weighted votes and Randall Zamora with 34 weighted votes. Shannon Register, Great Northwest Chapter, was elected Nominating General Member B.

Nominating General Member C: Voting for Member C was between Randall Zamora with 46 weighted votes, Aundrea Allen with 21 weighted votes and Pam Redman with 16 weighted votes.

Randall Zemora, San Antonio Chapter, was elected as Nominating General Member C.

Nominating General Member Alternates: Voting for Alternates was between Pam Redman with 45 weighted votes and Aundrea Allen with 36 weighted votes. Pam Redman, Abilene Chapter, was elected Nominating General Member Alternate One. Aundrea Allen, Southwest Dallas County Chapter, was elected Nominating General Member Alternate Two.

- XVI. Approval of 2015 Presidential Appointments – Cathy Mitchell
Motion to approve 2015 Presidential Appointments. Copy attached
Motion passed.
- XVII. Election of 2016 Strategic Planning Committee
- A. Presidential Appointment (One Local Past President) – Christy Stratton, Great Northwest Chapter
 - B. Governing Board Members (Three members): Sandra Hunt, Greater West Houston Chapter; Sheila Moran, San Antonio Chapter; and Jo Ann Stevens, Fort Bend Chapter, were nominated. Sandra Hunt, Sheila Moran and Jo Ann Stevens were elected.
 - C. General Membership (Two members): Isaac Mahone, Hill Country Chapter; Cindy Cox, San Antonio Chapter; Amanda Fails, Montgomery County Chapter; and Cassandra Harris, Dallas Chapter were nominated.
Weighted vote count was Isaac Mahone-38, Cindy Cox-20, Amanda Fails-15 and Cassandra Harris 9. Run off for Strategic Planning General Member A between Isaac

Mahone-53 weighted votes and Cindy Cox-25 weighted votes. Isaac Mahone, Hill Country Chapter, was elected as Strategic Planning General Member A. Voting for Strategic Planning General Member B was between Cindy Cox, Amanda Fails and Cassandra Harris. Weighted vote count was Cindy Cox-42, Cassandra Harris-22 and Amanda Fails-12. Cindy Cox, San Antonio Chapter, was elected as Strategic Planning General Member B.

XVIII. Officer Reports

- A. President, Sharon Morton: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- B. President-elect, Cathy Mitchell: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- C. Secretary, Ethel O'Dell, verbal report given, written report attached.
- D. Treasurer, Cathy Hamlin, verbal report given, written report attached.
- E. Past President/RVP, Sylvia Seabolt, verbal report given, written report attached
- F. Governors:
 - Area A, Nancy Garcia: Verbal report given, written report attached
 - Area B, Marty Chrisman: Verbal report given, written report attached
 - Area C, Sheila Moran, Verbal report given, written report attached
- G. Texas District Vice Presidents
 - Area A, District 1, Angela Ochoa: Verbal report given, written report attached.
 - Area A, District 2, Tanya Endicott: Verbal report given, written report attached.
 - Area B, District 3, Renee Coulson: Verbal report given, written report attached.
 - Area B, District 4, Susan Mack: Verbal report given, written report attached.
 - Area B, District 5, Cindy Cox: Verbal report given, written report attached
 - Area C, District 6, Rebecca Lightfoot: Not present and no report was given.
 - Area C, District 7, Bobby Bryant: Verbal report given, written report attached.

XIX. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Bylaws, Cindy Cox-Vice Chair for Lisa Creed-Chair not present: Verbal report given, written report attached
 - Motion 1: Adding Clarification to portray actual function or duty of committee or role. Duties that are currently being already performed. Copy attached. **Motion passed**
 - Motion 2: "Word-Smithing" or grammatical corrections. Copy attached. **Motion passed.**
 - Motion 3: Sunset non-functioning committees and adding new committees. Copy attached. **Motion Passed.**
 - Motion 4: Expansion of ability for qualified members to chair and serve on the committee. Copy attached. **Motion Passed.**
 - Motion 5: To change dates for submission for reimbursement and add greater weight to reflect importance of training. Copy attached. **Motion passed.**
 - Motion 6: To further define and clarify qualifications of members and their roles in service on the National Focus Committee. Copy attached. **Motion passed.**
- B. Education, Tera Kiger: Verbal report given, written report attached
- C. Finance and Budget: Dawn Lavka: Verbal report given, written report attached.

- D. Marketing, Patti St. Louis: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- E. Membership, Susie Sheffield: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- F. National Focus, Becky Hill: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- G. Strategic Planning, VaLois Hounsel: Verbal report given, written report attached.
Motion made by VaLois Hounsel to approve the 2015 Strategic Action Plan as presented via email on September 2, 2014. **Motion Passed.**
Motion made by VaLois Hounsel to spend \$7000.00 plus expenses from the Education Reserve Account to fund Jim Delesia, for a two day Strategic Planning Session. **Amendment** to the motion to pull funds from the General Reserve instead of the Education Reserve. **Amended Motion passed. Main Motion passed.**

XX. Special Committee Reports

- A. Affiliate Member of the Year, Susie Sheffield: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- B. Chapter Assistance Training Program, Carolyn Wyckoff: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- C. Communications, Isaac Mahone: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- D. Credentials, Scott Jauregui: Verbal report given, written report attached.
Motion made by Scott Jauregui to destroy ballots. **Motion passed.**
- E. Entrepreneur of the Year, Sylvia Seabolt: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- F. Historian, Connie Parsons: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- G. Hospitality, Linda Marthe/Veronica Taylor vice chair, Verbal report on behalf of Linda, written report attached.
- H. Investments, Diana Keyes: Verbal report given, written report attached.
Motion made by Diana Keyes to reinvest CD# 3973 and CD# 3963 at maturity at 1.19% for 24 months. **Motion passed.**
- I. Member of the Year, Jo Ann Stevens: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- J. Newsletter, Natalie Henshilwood: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- K. Past Presidents, Sandra Hunt: Verbal report given, written report attached.
Motion made by Sandra Hunt to take \$5000.00 from General Reserve to obtain CPA/Tax Attorney on Retainer for balance of 2014 year to help our most critical Chapters.
Motion passed.

Motion made by Sandra Hunt to award scholarships; 4 - \$250.00 scholarships in honor of Lois Hair Bernays, Artha Garza, Vera McCarty and Ebby Halliday will be announced at today's Luncheon. **Motion passed.**
Motion made by Sandra Hunt to amend the standing rules under VIII., Honorariums; A, Past President b,ii : to include participation in TRLP and NAR Leadership Academy Programs. **Motion passed.**
- L. Public Relations, Trudy Pape: Not present and no report given.
- M. Strategic Partners, Jo Ann Stevens: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- N. Technology, Chris Rodriguez: Verbal report given, written report attached.
- O. Ways and Means, Melissa Elizondo: Verbal report given, written report attached.

XXI. Announcements

Amy Worth-Paul candidate for National Financial Secretary was introduced.

Jo Ann Stevens slated candidate for National Financial Secretary was introduced.

XXII. Next Meeting-WCR/TAR Winter Meetings, Austin, TX, February 7, 2015 at Hyatt Regency.

XXIII. Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Ethel O'Dell

2014 State Secretary