

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 26, 2020, 2:30 p.m., in a Virtual Meeting

Speaker Rhonda Rogers called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. July 26, 2020. The meeting was held virtually through Free Conference Call; Co-hosts were Linda Timmerman and Sherry Hubbard. The invocation was led by Betty Jo Brown and the Pledge to the Flags was led by Charles Scoma. Twenty-seven members were present, and a quorum was established. There were eleven other members present.

Mary Nixon moved to adopt the Agenda, and Irene Andrews seconded; the motion passed.

Speaker Rogers welcomed one guest, our Parliamentarian Gloria Shinkawa.

The Minutes from May 4, 2020 were emailed to the members; Mike Sandoval moved to accept the minutes as emailed, and Irene Andrews seconded. The minutes were accepted without correction.

Speaker Rogers, in the absence of a Comptroller, summarized the Financial Reports. At present bills and checks are sent to the Foundation Treasurer. Barbie Butler-Johnson resigned in May and closed the account. At present, financial transactions are being conducted by the Foundation bookkeeper. When a new comptroller is appointed, a new bank account will be opened, possibly online so a new bank will not be necessary with a change in Comptroller. There is about \$8,500.00 in the account.

The Committee Reports followed. Speaker Rogers announced that Elections and Credentials Chair Mike Meier has resigned from TSHL, so Pat Gleason-Wynn was recommended for the position and accepted.

Communication Chair Linda Timmerman reported that a press release was emailed to members. She reminded members of Facebook Lounge and appreciated the involvement. She reminded members whose signatures are needed for forms to email the scanned document. The next *Silver Bulletin* publication is October 1, 2020; members are invited to submit articles. She recognized Marlene Cohen and others who were involved in the training sessions.

Elections and Credentials Chair Pat Gleason-Wynn reported the forms have been updated and reviewed and ready for acceptance; the AAA directors meet in September, and Rhonda and Barbara Aydlett will be at the meeting to encourage nominations. She had a question about Survey Monkey to clarify voting procedures.

Pat Porter, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the ninety-eight-page directory is at the printer, and she was congratulated. TSHL has collected about \$38,000 from ninety-eight ads sold.

Joan Blackmon, Chair of Operations Committee, reported that the committee had planned for a meeting in Austin, but in the presence of the pandemic forced a virtual Session. She will determine the number of copies of the directory that are needed. Speaker Rogers recognized the work of the committee and expressed her appreciation.

Paul Stempko, Chair of the Legislative Action Committee, was recognized by Speaker Rogers for his effective leadership following the resignation of Scott Christensen as Chair. Paul praised Scott's excellent organization and preparation, which made the smooth transition possible. Paul Stempko reported seventy-six resolutions were submitted and commended Linda Parrish, Pat Porter and Irene Andrews for their work. The LIC committees passed 64 resolutions that went to the LAC, and 60 will be voted on. The virtual meetings went well. He thanked Scott Christensen for his preliminary work, as well as Sam Giffords, Sue Wilson, and Sherry Hubbard for their grammatical expertise in polishing the resolutions. Sue Wilson took excellent notes on the process. Pat Porter, Sharon Brazeal, Linda Timmerman, and Nancy Hubbard offered their technical support. Officers were recognized and commended for their support.

Speaker Rogers expressed her appreciation to the LIC chairs for their hard work.

Johnny Waldrip, Criminal Justice, reported they dealt with the resolutions quickly despite some problems with computers and health. Jo Henderson filled in as vice chair and secretary.

Education Chair Nancy Byler commended the 17 members for their work and impressive attendance.

Health and Human Resources Chair Sue Wilson commended her members, who joined the virtual meeting despite daunting challenges.

Human Services Chair Lynda Mitchell thanked all her committee for their near perfect attendance, and thanked Sherry Hubbard for her technical help, Scott Christensen for encouragement, Lynda Hess for the minutes, and Paul for his help with resolutions.

Retirement and Aging Chair Irene Andrews reported 17 resolutions; she mailed packets to the eleven members, who took five sessions and a practice session. Paul Furakawa took minutes and Scott Christensen was a great help and support. Barbara Aydlett was a great help too.

Rural and Urban Chair Sharen Brazeal reported her small committee appreciated Scott Christensen's help with the five resolutions.

State Affairs Chair Mike Sandoval that reported that ten resolutions were considered and appreciated Pat Porter stepping in when he had knee replacement. They passed nine of the ten Resolutions.

Utilities and Natural Resources Chair Wayne Merrill said his committee passed resolutions. His small committee has limited technical resources, and he thanked everyone for their hard work and patience.

Unfinished business

Paul Furakawa, Chair of the Committee on the TSHL Strategic Plan, commended Pat Gleeson Wynn for her work on Survey Monkey, which he plans to use. He is working on reframing the view of aging and is taking a course on it. Our pandemic experiences should help in the next legislative session. There are three phases: review and fine tune statements; review and revise various elements of the plan, to be completed in August; and finally revising the timeline for when forms are due. Pat Gleeson Wynn credited Ira for suggesting Survey Monkey and help with Free Conference Call, our virtual app.

New Business

Wayne Merrill moved for the acceptance, with reluctance, of the resignations of Barbie Butler-Johnson and Myron (Mike) Meier. Valita Waits seconded. The motion passed.

Valita Waits moved and Paul Stempko seconded that Jerome Doerrie and Charles Scoma be retained on the Executive Committee of Panhandle and Tarrant County AAAA Representative for this term. Irene and Pat Gleeson-Wynn had questions, which Speaker Rogers answered, asking if there is a limit on numbers from a AAA who serve on the Executive Committee, since Bobette Doerrie, as Secretary, is also on the Executive Board. It is permitted.

Barbara Aydlett presented the proposed Amendment to the Bylaws Concerning Officer Qualifications, Article V, Section 1, P. 6 to the Bylaws; we will vote tomorrow on the Amendment.

On the concerns about a new Comptroller: Speaker Rogers described the duties. Wayne Merrill is waiting for a release from his doctor and is interested in the position. She suggested postponing the vote until October. Dick Coupe moved that we table the motion, and Valita Waits seconded the motion. The motion passed. Speaker Rogers described the methods used currently, with few transactions at present. Paul Stempko suggested an interim comptroller, approved in a called meeting.

Barbara Aydlett reported on the results of the Ad Hoc Committee Review Committee. She presented proposed changes to the LIC structure. Barbara Aydlett moved the adoption and Valita Waites seconded the motion to accept the changes and include the updated definition and charges for the committees. Paul Stempko recommended replacing "senior" with "older adults". The changes were discussed. The motion passed, and the report is attached.

Barbara Aydlett said the committee recommended the Technology Committee be made an Administrative Committee, and other recommendations. A copy of their report is attached. It is a Bylaws change and will have to wait 60 days and be voted on at another general session. Speaker Rogers suggests a called General Session in the future after the 60 days has passed.

Speaker Rogers noted that we have several members in the path of Hurricane Hanna; she suggested we think of them. In the Legislative Session

We discussed voting by Survey Monkey; all members who are present Wednesday can vote, by phone or by computer.

We hope to get through Criminal Justice and Education Monday, and possibly more.

Charles Scoma moved for adjournment, and Irene Andrews seconded. The motion passed. Speaker Rogers adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Bobette Doerrie

TSHL Secretary