



SWAMC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

I. Call to Order ----- 10:02 a.m. by President Swain

II. Roll Call ----- Marquardt

yes Mary Swain, yes Paul Gronholdt, yes Julie Kavanaugh, _____ Myra Olsen,
yes Alice Ruby, yes Layton Lockett, yes Joe Sullivan, yes Terry Haines,
_____ Laura Delgado, yes Dennis Robinson, yes Darren Muller, yes Glen Gardner

III. Approval of Agenda ----- Swain

Gardner moves to approve agenda, Ruby seconds, no objections, agenda approved.

IV. Governance Issues ----- Swain

- A. Ratification of Board Election – Marquardt listed off results of elections. Laura Delgado chose not to seek a second term for At-Large Seat A; only candidate was Glen Gardner, Jr. Glen Gardner, Jr. was winner of election for At-Large Seat A. Layton Lockett and Julie Kavanaugh formally elected by Membership to Aleutian/Pribilofs and Kodiak Municipal seats, respectively. Paul Gronholdt, Mary Swain, Dennis Robinson, and Alice Ruby were all re-elected to their respective seats. Ruby makes motion to ratify election results, Kavanaugh seconds, no objections, motion passes.
- B. Election of Officers – President (two-year term), Vice President (one-year term), Treasurer (one-year term) – Gardner makes motion to elect Gronholdt as President, Haines as Vice President, and Ruby as Treasurer. Ruby clarifies that she cannot hold an Officer position in her Associate seat; either Mary Swain or Myra Olsen would need to hold position as Treasurer. Ruby also clarified that President is only a one-year term as well, but the Officer positions rotate among the sub-regions every two years. Swain is best fit for Treasurer position given Olsen’s connectivity challenges. Gardner makes motion to elect Gronholdt as President, Haines as Vice President, and Swain as Treasurer, Ruby seconds, Kavanaugh requests clarifications that all Officer nominees accept their nomination, all accept. Vote taken, all in favor, no objections, motion passes.
- C. Action on Resolutions – Kavanaugh moves to approve all five Resolutions as approved by the Membership, Lockett seconds, Resolutions approved.
- D. Annual Meeting Debrief – Board and staff pleased with how Conference went and there was informal discussion about logistics that went well versus not. Staff plans to conduct a debrief with Information Insights; don’t anticipate having to do another virtual Conference but feel much more prepared now. Muller expressed appreciation for Representative Stutes and Representative Edgmon for attending Legislative Leaders panel. Board members suggested staff look into ability to have future in-person SWAMC Conferences accessible by Zoom so that those who cannot travel can attend, maybe for a lower registration fee. Ability to see participants would have been nice, though that was not possible using Zoom webinar. Unfortunate that participants were not able to chat with each other one-on-one, due to webinar format as well. One notable comment for improvement is that SWAMC tends to run over time on panels every year, and that this needs to be improved next year, either with shorter presentations or longer panel time. Staff could ask each speaker to time their presentations out ahead of time to ensure they stay within the time frame given. Sullivan suggests we warn speakers that they will be cut off at their allotted time and then follow through with it – people will likely fall in line accordingly. Otherwise, speakers going long is perceived as being disrespectful. This will be a top priority focus for next year. Haines suggests a hybrid approach for conference next year with both streaming and in-person participation ability. Marquardt suggested an individual registration fee to encourage community members not associated with (or funded by) an organization to participate.
- E. Dates for 2022 Annual Meeting – March 3-4, 2022 – These dates have been confirmed with the Hotel Captain Cook. These fall on the Thursday and Friday before the start of the Iditarod in Anchorage.
- F. Calendaring/Board Meetings – Ruby makes motion to put off the next Board Meeting until April 15 (skipping regular March Board Meeting), Muller seconds, no objections, motion passes. Board members agree that 9



am on the third Thursday of each month works well and decides to retain this meeting schedule into the next year.

V. Board Comments ----- Swain

Gronholdt suggests SWAMC throw an extra vibrant President's Reception and silent auction fund raiser next year as a celebration for being able to be together in person again. Sullivan suggests SWAMC send a thank you note to Rebecca Skinner for her efforts in developing the early Conference agenda to recognize her contribution while she still served on the Board. Robinson noted that a hybrid in-person/virtual Conference next year could be an opportunity to for SWAMC to add to its Membership, though trying to chair a meeting where half are present and half are not can be challenging, so that is something to consider.

VI. Adjourn ----- Muller moves to adjourn, Lockett seconds, meeting adjourned at 10:49 am by President Swain