

General Business Meeting Minutes
2021 NAPS Annual Meeting

Call to Order—7:03 PM

- I. Moment of Silence (from 2019-2021):
Michael P. McHugh, Angela Christman, Philip Amidon, Philip H. Rousseau,
Judith L. Kovacs, Louis J. Swift, Pierre Maraval, Cornelius P. Mayer
- II. Officer Reports
 - A. Report of the President (Robin Darling Young; report filed with the Secretary's office)
 - a. Thanks are given to the various officers and members, especially in light of the pandemic.
 - b. From the last business meeting after 2018 and then 2019, the matter of the Society name and the sexual harassment/grievance policy was under construction and the hope had been to have a report for the 2020 Annual Meeting. Unfortunately this was not possible due to the pandemic.
 - c. In the Spring of 2020, the Board voted unanimously to postpone the meeting until 2021, hoping to hold the anticipated meeting.
 - d. But in January 2021, the Board met twice and, in conjunction with TER, voted to move the entire meeting online.
 - e. The Board voted to postpone the GBM until 2022.
 - f. There was controversy due to a TER document that was circulated, and three Board members resigned, and their replacements were appointed per the by-laws.
 - g. Because the GBM and elections had not been expected, the Nominating Committee did not have the usual time to compile nominations, and instead, per the by-laws, nominations will be taken from the floor. The offices available
 - B. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer (Rick Brumback; report filed with Secretary's office)
 - a. The membership in the Society continues to be strong.
 - b. The financial position of the Society is very solid with our mutual funds having grown significantly over the last two years.
 - C. Report of the Vice President (Clayton N. Jefford; report filed with Secretary's office)
 - a. The formation of the program for the 2020 presented challenges, requiring patience and flexibility from the Board and members. Thanks to all the individuals for their work the past year.
 - b. The previously approved OC, Pre-Arranged Sessions, and General Submissions were offered to roll over, and about 75% did so. Another 32 presentations were approved (~90% acceptance rate) to round out the program.

- c. It was complicated to arrange the virtual presentation sessions for the society given the number of speakers, time zones, etc. Much gratitude is given to all for their participation.
- d. The number of registered attendees is 335..

III. Editor and Committee Reports

A. Report of the JECS Editor (Stephen Shoemaker)

- a. The journal remains healthy and profitable. 74 submissions.
- b. The last three years has seen our acceptance rate to rise. But we continue to be selective.
- c. There is a highlighting of titles that are forthcoming.
- d. Wendy Mayer and Benjamin Dunning will conclude their second and final term as editors.
- e. Thanks are given for helping to maintain the high quality of the journal.
- f. Comments and input is welcomed.

B. Report of the CLA Editor (Christopher Beeley)

- a. The CLA series continues to do well. There is a reminder of the remit of the Series.
- b. Eight new titles have come out in the series since 2018 when we last met.
- c. New titles and projects are in the pipeline for production.
- d. Our publishing arrangement with UC Press includes no subvention. The Society receives royalties, and NAPS members receive a 30% price reduction.
- e. The Board has also asked C. Beeley to announce the formation of 3 taskforces.
 - i. How can NAPS become more inclusive?
 - ii. How can we address the professional challenges our members face?
 - iii. How can we move forward on the question of the Society's name in light of our membership?
 - iv. Members are invited to contact C. Beeley by the end of June if interested in the task forces.
 - v. This marks the end of C. Beeley's time as CLA Editor. Thanks to the Board for its support of this initiative over 10 years ago, and thanks to all the associate editors. Also thanks to the excellent international advisory board. Thanks also to the reviewers, to Eric Schmidt and UCP, and the authors. Please send our new
 - vi. C. Beeley introduces the new CLA Editor, Joel Kalvesmaki.
 - vii. J. Kalvesmaki addresses the members and welcomes contact with all.

C. Report of the Awards and Prizes Committee (Jeffrey Bingham)

- a. J. Bingham extends thanks to all those who served on the APC.
- b. Lists the number of submissions for each award, and then the names of the awardees.

D. Report of the Nominating Committee (Brian Matz)

- a. Brian Matz rehearses the transitions of the Spring that made it impossible for them to compile a slate of nominees.
- b. They were able to provide some input to the Board.
- c. This is the end of B. Matz's term on NC. Georgia Franks is the next NC Chair.
- d. G. Franks asks B. Matz to describe to attendees the new forms that are being used by the NC since the 2019 Oxford meeting. B. Matz details the type of information that is being solicited from those who make nominations for various positions.
- e. David Hunter asks why the NC did not simply put forward the slate from 2020. B. Matz reports that there was a "middle road" suggestion that was made to the Board, but that the slate from 2020 did not align exactly with the open positions. He asks that the NC report be included in the minutes of this meeting.

He notes that there was no firm decision at that time about even having elections, and that there was no slate as such put forward. G. Frank asked if anyone on the Board would explain why the Board did not use the 2020 slate for elections. S. Shoemaker says it was because the NC did not put forward a slate. G. Frank replies that there was not good communication between the NC and the Board. She wants a clear record that many people worked very diligently to advance member-driven nominations and elections.

R. Darling Young indicates that the members can still advance the nomination of figures from the 2020 slate. Bradley Storin asked who the 2020 slate members were, but G. Frank declined to name them in advance of the election itself. B. Matz points out that the 2020 slate had 9 people on it, and as it has turned out, 6 of the 9 have in fact taken position.

IV. New Business—Elections to the Board

- A. R. Darling Young announces that she has asked Colette Trohan, professional parliamentarian, to be present, and she asks if the members present have objections to using C. Trohan. There are no objections, so C. Trohan becomes meeting chair.
- B. C. Trohan greets the members and puts on-screen the Proposed Election Rules. She affirms that RRO will be followed. She also explains why the steps for entering the General Business Meeting were important for ensuring only those qualified to vote may do so. She promises to share the results fully after all is over.
- C. Ellen Muehlberger asks how many proxy votes are to be cast and how many in the Zoom call are voting attendees. There are 6 proxies to be cast and 107 voters in Zoom. Blossom Stefaniw notes that there are more than 6 that want to cast proxies, but they are not able to do so, hence this not being a fair Zoom vote for the rest of the Society.
- D. Vice President
 - a. Nominations
 - i. Andrew Jacobs
 - ii. Lewis Ayres
 - b. Andrew Jacobs makes remarks about his desire to serve the Society.

- c. Lewis Ayres remarks that he is honored by the nomination and how he would work for the Society.

E. Secretary-Treasurer

- a. Nominations
 - i. Jennifer Barry nominates Rick Brumback
 - ii. No other nominations

F. 2 Members-at-Large

- a. Nominations
 - i. J. Barry nominates David Maldonado Rivera
 - ii. Michal Hollerich nominates Scott Moringiello. S. Moringiello is not in the meeting, but M. Hollerich says he has consented. C. Trohan says a written consent has to be sent to the Sec/Treas before the voting in order to accept the nomination. However, the chair indicates that a person has to be present based upon prior communication from the Board to the membership.
 - iii. E. Muehlberger asks if someone has to be present
 - iv. A. Jacobs asks if someone has to be present. Answer is yes.
 - v. J. Barry nominates Rebecca Falcasantos
 - vi. C. Trohan is asked and responds all at once will be elected.
 - vii. B. Stefaniw nominates Jonathan Zecher. Jonathan Zecher has declined his nomination.
 - viii. R. Brumback nominates Brian Matz.
- b. David Maldonado Rivera speaks to thank for nomination and honored to serve.
- c. Rebecca Falcasantos has been a member since 2009 and grateful for NAPS. Honored to serve.
- d. Brian Matz also seconds the nomination of David. He only agreed to be nominated because he thought there would not be both of the MaL from the last slate. Grateful to serve.
- e. D. Maldonado is elected.
- f. R. Falcasantos is elected

G. Student Member-at-Large

- a. Nominations
 - i. Chance Bonar is nominated.
 - ii. Nathan Tilley is nominated.
- b. C. Bonar addresses the membership and promises to work especially for student interests.
- c. N. Tilley promises to work on the fundamental issues of the By-laws.
- d. N. Tilley is elected.

Adjourn: 8:39 pm.