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AILA TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

SPRING CONFERENCE in AUSTIN, TEXAS

MARCH 31ST 2023

- I. Call to Order: Olsa Alikaj-Cano, Chapter Chair
 - a. Meeting called to order by Olsa Alikaj-Cano at 11:43AM

- II. **Old Business:** Review/Approval of the Minutes from the Fall Conference in Tulum, Mexico - Guillermo Hernandez, Secretary
 - a. Juan Roberto Gonzalez moved to approved
 - b. Michelle Saenz Rodriguez second
 - c. Put to vote, all in favor, no in opposition
 - d. Minutes from previous meeting approved.

- III. Treasurer's Report: Beatriz Ballerini, Treasurer
 - a. Review of Chapter finances presented by Beatriz Ballerini
 - b. Chapter financials available on AILATexas.org for review by members

- IV. Donations Committee Report: Aimee Maldonado, Donations Committee Chair
 - a. Aimee Maldonado provided report regarding review process of donations applications received by Chapter and process of grant awards.
 - b. Secretary Guillermo Hernandez answered questions from members regarding the donations committee recommendations, process and amounts awarded.
 - c. Irene Mugambi moves to approve recommendations for grants by the Donations committee
 - d. Hussein Sadruddin 2nd motion to approve recommendations
 - e. Vote on recommendations by donations committee by membership - recommendations approved by membership unanimously.

- V. Membership Report presented by Marisol Perez, Vice-Chair
 - a. There are 1743 active members in the chapter.

- VI. **New Business:** Executive Committee Elections: Report by Immediate Past Chair Rebecca Kitson
 - a. **Rebecca Kitson** - convened the elections committee, which included Jackie Watson, and Jason Mills
 - b. **Announcement of candidates:** Elections committee nominated the following candidates for chapter secretary:
 - i. Susanna Visconti from El Paso
 - ii. Hussein Sadrudien from Dallas

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- VII. Nomination and Selection of Candidates for Secretary:
- a. Rebecca Kitson read biography for Susanna Visconti (unable to be present)
 - b. Hussein provided some remarks re: candidacy for Secretary
 - c. Rebecca Kitson provided explanation for Chapter Secretary and what to expect.
- VIII. 2024 Spring Conference Location-Nomination and Voting
- a. Olsa opened the floor to nominations for Spring 2024 conference.
 - b. Lance Curtright nominated Mexico City
 - i. Kelly Stump moved to cease nominations
 - ii. Motion 2nd by Olsi Vrap
 - iii. Vote on motion to cease nominations - in favor: 5, opposition - majority
 - iv. Motion does not carry
 - c. Alfredo Lozano nominated Playa del Carmen
 - d. Analuisa Pablos nominated Santa Fe, New Mexico
 - e. Richard Fisher nominated Galveston, Texas
 - f. Alta Gracia nominated Cabo, San Lucas, Mexico
 - g. Sarah Brown nominated New Orleans
 - h. Laura Leon nominated San Antonio, Texas
 - i. Maggie Murphy moved to close nominations
 - i. David Armendariz second
 - ii. Vote to close nominations by membership carries unanimously
- IX. Vote on conference locations held (counting by Faye Kolly and Maggie Murphy):
- a. Mexico City - 52
 - b. Playa del Carmen - 4
 - c. Santa Fe - 36
 - d. Galveston - 5
 - e. Cabo San Lucas - 1
 - f. New Orleans - 9
 - g. San Antonio - 10
- X. Top 2 location nominations provided short opportunity to pitch the location
- a. Lance Curtright and Javier Maldonado pitched Mexico City
 - b. Analuisa Pablos pitched Santa Fe, New Mexico location
 - c. Vote on top 2 locations:
 - i. Mexico City - 84
 - ii. Santa Fe - 40
- XI. Update on the 2023 Fall Conference in Costa Rica - Marisol Perez, Vice-Chair
- a. Marisol invited Jennifer Walker Gates, chair of Fall conference committee to provide details:
 - i. Date of fall conference - 11/2 - 11/4
 - ii. Location - Hyatt property about 15 minutes from airport. There is a direct flight

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- iii. 100 percent on wellness, ethics credits, prevent and recover from burnout
- iv. It will feel like a vacation.

XII. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn by Hussein Sadruddin
- b. Motion 2nd by Ramon Curiel 2nd
- c. Membership voted unanimously to adjourn official business meeting