

**Bouchercon National Board
General Members Meeting
October 09, 2015 Minutes**

Board Members Attending:

Al Abramson, Stan Ulrich, Helen Nelson, Janet Costello, Ingrid Willis, Janet Rudolph, Mike Bursaw, Marjory Mogg, Ali Karim, David Magayna, Don Longmuir, Jeff Siger, Kim Hammond

Chair Jeff Siger called **meeting to order**.

Each board member made **personal introduction**.

Copies of minutes were provided to those who wished to see them.

Bill Gottfried moved, Chris Aldrich 2nd and minutes were accepted by voice vote.

Jeff made Chair report.

Advised that the body would have the opportunity to vote on a bid for 2019 for Dallas, and a bid for 2020 in Sacramento.

Advised that soon members and public would see a new website and logo.

Advised that they would hear reports from History & Awards and Technology Committee.

Reports for Rules, Mentoring, and Finance Committees would not be forthcoming as actions proposed during the meeting would indicate the body of work of those committees.

Jeff spoke about the strength of the organization resulting from a strong showing of volunteers.

Technology – make it happen

Jeff announced the departure of Marjory Mogg and Mike Bursaw from the Board. Mike spoke about the viability of the Board and the accomplishments while he was a member and that all should be proud.

Mike gave **Treasurer's Report** – Board finances in good shape, \$130 K in bank.

Ingrid gave **Long Beach 2014** report – Introduced App (Margery MWA said Awesome) Author speed dating was introduced. On inquiry from Bill Gottfried whether it was a financial success, Jeff advised that it was.

* JD Allen arrived

Al Abramson gave **Raleigh 2015 Report** – 1400 Attendees, all going well.

Mike Bursaw gave report on **New Orleans 2016** – Have 1000 room nights, room rates are \$139.00. Someone announced they had shoulder night issues. Mike advised that problem should now be fixed.

Helen Nelson gave **Toronto 2017 Report**

Con at Sheraton Center - \$169/night Canadian, Gave GoH and Registration Rates

Mike Bursaw gave **St. Petersburg 2018 Report** – basically said to check the website.

Don Longmuir made **History & Awards Committee Report** – Conducting interviews of long-term Bconners, Conducted balloting for David Thompson Award, Worked with AI to do electronic Anthony voting. Will work to collect materials in preparation for 50th anniversary Bouchercon in 2019.

Helen Nelson gave **Technology Committee Report** –
New website is weeks away. Offered a walkthrough/tour.
We developed a new logo (described)
Reviewing different registration options.

Proposed Standing Rule Amendments
Amendment III B Motion – Bill Gottfried, 2nd – Rebecca Butler
Amendment IVA Motion – Bill Gottfried, 2nd – Marjory Mogg

New LOC Reports

Carol Puckett gave presentation on Dallas – Denim, Diamonds and Death

Halloween weekend – Negotiated with four hotels. Conference hotel - Hyatt Regency - \$149 per night

50th Year

GoH Slate

Peter Lovesey – Lifetime Achievement

Hank Phillippi Ryan – American GoH

James Patterson – Contribution to the Genre

Deborah Crombie – Local GoH

Harry Hunsicker – Toastmaster

Registration - \$130 open until end of 2016

\$150 – end of 2018

\$170 – Full Rate

Parties planned, Denim Party, Diamond Party, Death Party, Halloween Party, JFK Memorial at book depository, Museums, Arboretum

Taking 50th very seriously. Will honor amazing history.

Sacramento – Susan Spann

It is in California!

Oct 13 – 19

Convention Center – newly renovated. 137,000 sq. ft. all on one level.

800 room night block – Hyatt and Sheraton right across street.

Starbucks in convention center. Beautiful location and outside areas.

Rates - \$174 – Hyatt, \$169 at Sheraton. Working to reduce them.

110 rooms at Best Western and Holiday Inn nearby at \$139.

Four other lodging options nearby.

Large number of accessible rooms and facilities.

Food – Hyatt and Sheraton – good restaurants

Within a block of CA capitol. 100 restaurants within walking distance. Great food from \$7 - \$50

Within an hour of Napa Valley, working on bus transportation.
Very walkable area, very safe. Within driving distance of San Francisco and Lake Tahoe. 120 miles from Yosemite Valley.

GoH

Cara Black – Local GoH

Walter Mosley – Body of Work

Anne Perry – Distinguished Guest

Janet Rudolph – Fan GoH

Question about Anne Perry being honored. She is being honored for a different category, which is OK.

All events in convention center.

Airport about 35 minutes from hotel. 25-35 minutes depending on traffic.

Things open until 11.

Will also get people to Sonoma Valley.

Suggestion to visit Gold Rush areas – Sutter's Mill

Voting:

Stan and Mike picking up paper ballots.

Vote on bids only.

Dallas and Sacramento bids passed.

Vote on Board

Board nominees:

Three Year Term Nominees

Oline Cogdill – nominated by Margery Flax

Ali Karim – nominated by Dave Magayna

Janet Rudolph – nominated by Janet Costello

Two Year Term Nominee

Jeffrey Siger – nominated by Al Abramson

No floor nominations

All affirmed by voice vote.

Old business

None but Al (nominated by Don)

Karen Muir asked about student outreach and student registrations.

J.D. Allen reviewed Raleigh outreach efforts by LOC.

Ingrid commented on day pass practices and difficulties of student involvement and reviewed efforts her committee did in Long Beach.

Al reviewed additional rationale behind Raleigh outreach efforts.

Question on advice to LOCs. Informed about Best practices Guide, Survey and Mentoring.

Jeff invited interested parties to So You Want to Host a Bouchercon session Sunday morning.

Don L. thanked Jeff for his efforts this year.

Bookseller from Mystery People from Austin, TX helped him meet and connect to people professionally and personally.

Susan Spann thanked the mentors that helped them structure their bid and educate them.

Kim Williams librarian at AF Base thanked us for bringing event to Raleigh.

Meeting Adjourned by acclamation.