

**Bouchercon National Board
General Members Meeting Minutes
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 16, 2016, 12:30 PM**

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

Jeff introduced members: **Stan Ulrich, Helen Nelson, Janet Costello, Janet Rudolph, Ali Karim, David Magayna, Don Longmuir, Jeff Siger, Carol Puckett, Michele Dreier, Rae James, Kim Hammond, J.D. Allen, Ingrid Willis, Erin Mitchell**

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

Chris Aldrich moved and Kim Hammond 2nd and minutes were accepted by voice vote.

Jeff made Chair report.

Announced that we have annual conferences in Dallas for 2019, and Sacramento in 2020.

Encourage members to consider candidates for the Board who were going to work.

Invited Stan to provide Treasurer's Report. Stan provided report (report as in file)

Helen moved, Don Longmuir 2nd and approved without objection.

J.D. Allen reported on Raleigh conference.

No New Orleans report

Helen provided Toronto report orally highlighting registration rate cutoff dates, hotel room availability dates, and anthology information (John McFetridge). 320 currently people registered.

Erin provided St. Petersburg report – climate mild, so 2018 will be first clothing-optional Bouchercon (we think she was kidding). Spoke about multiple hotels, with city shuttles and hotel shuttles. Online registration open. September 6-9, 2018. Considered the Jewish holiday and possibly moving program to take that into consideration.

Carol Puckett provided Dallas report and emphasized that it is our 50th anniversary. \$135 current registration. Hotel is Hyatt Regency with 800 rooms with option for 300 more rooms. Dates 10/31-11/02 2019. GsoH are James Patterson, Hank Phillippi Ryan, Peter Lovesey, Deborah Crombie, McKenna Jordan, and Harry Hunsinger is Toastmaster. 160,000 Sq Ft. of conference space. Bookroom 15,000 Sq ft. Hotel is completely remodeled. Hotel is on Dallas Rapid Transit. Shoulder dates 3 days before and after. No rubber chicken food. \$149 for hotel

Michele provided Sacramento report. Scott Turow, Walter Mosley, Cara Black, Anne Perry, and Janet Rudolph, Catriona McPherson is Mistress of Ceremonies. Two hotels – 1000 rooms, 1 block from convention center and across street from state capital. \$175 current registration.

Advised that they would hear reports from committees.

Finance Committee (Dave Magayna) – Reviewed insurance and Sarbane-Oxley.

Mentoring Committee (Ingrid Wills) – To help LOCs put on their conferences. Said the LOCs do a great job, but we'e there to help them when we can.

Promotions Committee (Janet Rudolph) – Thanked all for contributions to getting the word out.

Rules Committee (Stan Ulrich) – No changes to vote on this year.

Technology Committee (J.D. Allen) – New National website. Working on backend for Board use.

History and Awards Committee (Don Longmuir) – Interviews ongoing for history for website for 50th. Stopped in Dallas and saw hotel. It is beautiful. Huge! We've been busy. We don't sleep.

Jeff announced that we had three openings for the Board. The Board had four nominations to make and welcomed members to place those names into nomination.

Don Longmuir placed Kim Hammond into nomination.

Carol Puckett placed Dru Ann Love into nomination.

Ingrid Willis placed Teresa Wilson into nomination.

Ali Karim placed Stan Ulrich into nomination.

Nominations from the floor:

Steve Loudon nominated Jay Stringer

Dave Magayna nominated Chris Aldrich

Jeff provided voting instructions

Voting results:

Mike Stoddard and Janet Rudolph were vote tabulators.

No old business

New Business,

Bibi questioned registration rates when events are so far out.

Ingrid Willis and Jon Jordan and several others provided some background on costs and ways the LOC's can save money. Jay Stringer raised issue of a possible monthly subscription.

Ruth Jordan spoke about B.G. Ritts helping her and Judy with Baltimore and her volunteering. Also spoke to Al Abramson's dedication to Bouchercon and thanked Jeff Siger for his dedication over past two years.

Jeff announced Board winners: Stan, Teresa, Dru Ann
Floor request for information on New Orleans.
1892 registrations

So You Want to Run Your Own Bouchercon – Sunday morning.

Jeff thanked audience.

Motion from Jon Jordan to adjourn.
Meeting Adjourned by acclamation.