

**Bouchercon National Board  
General Members Meeting Minutes  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
September 7, 2018, 2:00 PM**

Chair Julie Allen called meeting to order and introduced members: Chris Aldrich, Nikki Bonanni, Mike Bursaw, Oline Cogdill, Michele Drier, Margery Flax, Jon Jordan, Ruth Jordan, Dru Ann Love, Helen Nelson, Erin Mitchell, Carol Puckett, Janet Rudolph

1. Minutes from 2017 GMM was approved.
2. **Chair:** Major accomplishments allocating funds for snacks at GMM and funds for travel expenses for the David Thompson award recipient
3. **Treasurer:** Assets at \$231k.
4. **Finance:** Looking at potential scholarship (using surplus funds) to return back to the crime fiction community.
5. **LOC:** Toronto had 1,725 attendees; Erin thanked everyone for being in St. Petersburg, Dallas and Sacramento are both set in place and registration is still open.
6. **Nominations:** Election is open for six spots on the board. There are three incumbents (Chris Aldrich, Oline Cogdill, Janet Rudolph) and four new people (Debi Chowdhury, Greg Herren, Bryon Quertermous, Pam Stack) nominated on the ballot. Floor opened for other nominations. Danny Gardner voiced his appeal to be on the board. No other nominations. Floor closed. Ballots were distributed to those in attendance. Ballots counted by Margery Flax, Nikki Bonanni and Ruth Jordan.
7. **Vote on upcoming LOCs** was unanimously approved for New Orleans in 2021 (August 26-29) and Minneapolis in 2022 (September 8-11).
8. **Amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules from Helen Nelson** - - unanimously approved
  - a. Bylaws
    - i. financial accounting completed a year after the event instead of 90 days.
    - ii. ability of board to approve the bid in 36 months instead of 24 months.
  - b. Standing Rules
    - i. paper ballots are required but now have the option of electronic ballots.
    - ii. Section 2-Anthony Awards, B-Nomination, 4-LOC shall count the votes cast for each category- the five candidates receiving the most votes shall be the Anthony Awards nominees, both count and ranking shall be confidential.
9. The Chair recognizes members of the audience who might want to make public comments or address items not listed on the agenda

Meeting adjourned

--Draft Dru Ann Love  
September 17, 2018