

Minutes of the TLBAA Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 15, 2010
1:00 PM Central Time
Fort Worth, Texas
Radisson Hotel-Fossil Creek

Meeting Agenda: Call to Order; Report of the Nominating Committee; Election of 2010 Officers/Executive Committee; Appointment of Two Board Members to Executive Committee; 2010 Tentative Board Meeting Dates; Matters to Be Presented From the Floor.

Chairman Maurice Ladnier called the meeting to order. In the absence of a Secretary, Brenda Cantrell called roll.

Directors present were: Doc Hyder, Jerry Loveday, Mark Struck, Carl Brantley, Gene Juranka, Terry King, Ron Walker, Lana Hightower, Darlene Aldridge, Donnie Taylor, Kerry Mounce, Robert Richey, Charlie Buenger, Theo Kocian, Steven Zunker, Steve Quarry, Rich Spooner, Michael Sitzmann, Jim Rombeck, Randy Briscoe and Ray Beadle.

Chairman Maurice Ladnier asked Theo Kocian, Nominating Committee Chairman to give his report and announce the committee's nominees for the 2010 TLBAA Executive Board. They were Chairman, Charlie Buenger; Executive Vice Chairman, Robert Richey; 1st Vice Chairman, Michael Sitzmann; 2nd Vice Chairman, Doc Hyder; Secretary, Scott Simmons; and Treasurer, Kerry Mounce.

The floor was opened for nominations. Darlene Aldridge nominated Robert Richey for Chairman.

Gene Juranka made a motion to vote by secret ballot and Donnie Taylor seconded. After some discussion and directors voicing their opinions on a secret ballot versus an open vote, Mr. Juranka withdrew his motion.

Randy Briscoe made a motion for the nominations to cease. Carl Brantley seconded. Motion passed.

The vote for Chairman was taken by show of hands. Robert Richey won 11 votes to 8.

Chairman Richey called for floor nominations for Executive Vice Chair. Steven Zunker nominated Lana Hightower. Steve Quarry nominated Charlie Buenger. Darlene Aldridge made a motion for nominations to cease. Carl Brantley seconded. The motion passed.

The vote for Executive Vice Chair was taken by show of hands. Charlie Buenger won 11 votes to 10.

Michael Sitzmann was nominated by the nominating committee for 1st Vice Chair. Chairman Richey asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Donnie Taylor nominated Lana Hightower. Carl Brantley made a motion to close nominations. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

The vote for 1st Vice Chair was taken by show of hands. Lana Hightower won 12 votes to 8.

Doc Hyder was nominated by the committee for 2nd Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. Charlie Buenger made the motion to elect Doc Hyder by acclamation. Donnie Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

The position for Secretary was open for nominations from the floor. Carl Brantley nominated Theo Kocian. Donnie Taylor nominated Jim Rombeck. Darlene Aldridge made a motion that nominations cease. Doc Hyder seconded. Motion passed.

The vote for Secretary was taken by show of hands. Theo Kocian won 10 votes to 9.

Kerry Mounce was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of Treasurer. Lana Hightower nominated Darlene Aldridge. A motion was made to cease nominations and was seconded. Motion passed.

The vote for Treasurer was taken by show of hands. Darlene Aldridge won 11 votes to 8.

Chairman Robert Richey appointed Randy Briscoe and Steve Quarry to serve as directors on the Executive Committee.

The topic of tentative dates for 2010 Board meetings was next on the agenda. Chairman Richey said he's been approached by members asking that we have meetings in other states besides Texas and perhaps consider having meetings in other parts of the country. He asked for the Board members' thoughts on this subject.

Steve Quarry said he would like the meetings to stay in Fort Worth; Lana Hightower remarked that the conference call meetings have been very successful and she would like to see the physical meetings reduced to three a year holding them at our major events like the World Show, the Horn Showcase and the General Membership meeting.

Several directors expressed their concerns that when Board meetings are held in conjunction with TLBAA events like the World Show and the Horn Showcase, the directors are not spending enough time with the members and the youth.

Chairman Richey said he would email the directors and get a consensus on where and when the 2010 meetings should be held and where.

Chairman Richey voiced his expectations of the Board members and asked them to study the TLBAA's official handbook and Robert's Rule of Order. To help new directors in the transition and get them up to speed on what is going on he called for a few 2009 directors to volunteer to pair up with a new director.

Darlene Aldridge asked about the appointment of a Parliamentarian. There was discussion. Chairman Richey deferred to Charlie Buenger for advice on this matter. Mr. Buenger stated a Parliamentarian should be appointed for the year. Mr. Richey added that they will appoint someone for the position.

Chairman Richey reminded the directors to sign the Code of Ethics document and give it to Brenda Cantrell.

Past director Kaso Kety stepped down as the Division A representative on the Ethics Committee and Mark Stuck volunteered to take his place. Ken Johnson of Division B and Charlene Semkin of Division C will continue to serve on the Ethics Committee for 2010.

Continuity between the old and new nomination and awards committees is needed so Chairman Richey asked for reports from these committees outlining what information they received, what procedures were used and ideas on improving the process.

The committees formed in 2009 were reviewed and Chairman Richey asked for updates on their progress.

Dr. Bob Kropp addressed the Board and spoke about the need for stronger membership participation and support. He recommended long range 5 and 10-year plans be implemented to move the association forward and to get the grassroots involved.

One of Chairman Richey's goals this year is to examine our membership services and to make our new member services the best in the industry.

Kerry Mounce recommended that Chairman Richey contact committee chairs, ask for a plan of action, set deadlines and follow up on their progress.

An audience member suggested there be a PA system at the meetings so everyone could hear what was being said.

Mary Dawn Tekell spoke about the need to have the official handbook put on E-Trails and/or in print form so all members can have access to the rules and updated on changes made to the By-Laws.

Lana Hightower made a motion to seat Terry Fuhriman to the Board. Donnie Taylor seconded. Charlie Buenger made a motion to not seat Mr. Fuhriman until his region position was properly advertised in the Trails and E-Trails. After discussion, Mr. Buenger withdrew his motion. A vote was taken and Terry Fuhriman was seated as Region 17 director.

Charlie Buenger made a motion to advertise the existing vacancies in Region 3 and Region 16 again. Michael Sitzmann seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.