

## Minutes for the November 6, 2023 VAWS Regular Board Meeting

Held virtually via Teams, 3:00pm

Attendees - Present: Mary Beth Poli, Ben Galligan, Zapata Courage, Aimee Rutledge

Absent: Karina Dailey

Meeting called to order: 3:34pm

1. Minutes: A. Rutledge made a motion to approve October 2, 2023, seconded by B. Galligan, Z. Courage abstains. Minutes approved by Rutledge, Galligan, and Poli. Z. Courage would like to address item #4 of the minutes regarding corporate membership.
2. VAWS Fall Workshop: Survey updated and will get sent to members this week. Poli will send certificates to each individual. Feedback includes more logistics organization for speakers and participants. Suggest having the board more involved during future workshops to provide guidance. Assign tasks to individuals in advance.
3. Physical Address Change: need to change mailing address from Otter Creek. Should we use the physical work address of an individual, use VP's address? Will need to update the bylaws and the secretary of state paperwork.
4. Newsletter: 1st newsletter sent to members on Friday. Aiming for at least newsletter release twice a year. Work on developing content during the winter that can be used throughout the year.
5. Membership for 2024:
  - a. Student and retiree rates - A. Rutledge proposes \$20 student rate, B. Galligan seconded, approved unanimously. Consider a senior rate instead of a retiree rate. Must provide proof with either student ID or license. Z. Courage motions a senior membership rate of \$20 for age 60 and over, B. Galligan seconded, approved unanimously.
  - b. Corporate membership discussion - table for special meeting in November to involve K. Dailey. November 20th at 3 with a backup on November 27th at 3:30.
6. Board member additions:

- a. can have 5 members-at-large. Add 2 at-large members to the board in 2024. Too late to appoint a Nominating Committee. Request nominations, by Petition, in separate email to members and post on the website. Send petitions to the Secretary.

M. Poli motioned to adjourn meeting at 4:39 pm by , seconded by Z. Courage, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aimee Rutledge

VAWS Secretary