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Association Annual Meeting Minutes

In the Craven Lounge, Morris Hall, SUNY Oneonta and Virtual via Zoom

October 16, 2024

Tina Douglas, Board President and Liz Callahan, Executive Director welcomed all in attendance. Most attendees were in person with a few people attending via zoom.

Tina asked each board member to stand and introduce themselves, what county they represent, and their position on the board and/or committees.

Liz asked the staff to introduce themselves and their title within the association. Liz then went on to recognize the longevity of dedicated staff. Michelle Leveski has been with the association for 21 years today and Madelyn Sanchez Taylor has been with the association for over 26 years.

Tina and Liz continued by acknowledging the volunteers and supporters of the association as well as committee and board members.

Liz explained the agenda for the evening, that after the annual business meeting, each staff member will go to their stations and welcome each attendee to visit each station and talk to the staff member about their program. Each attendee was given a passport to have staff sign when at their station, and those who get 4 signatures on their passport will be entered to win a door prize. Also, after the business meeting concludes, there are hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Liz thanked the SUNY Oneonta catering staff, and the SUNY Oneonta School of Education, Human Ecology and Sports Studies for supporting the implementation of the Annual Meeting.

Tina Douglas called the annual business meeting to order at 6:32 pm and asked that everyone in attendance review the minutes from last year's annual meeting. Carol Phelps moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Betsy Jensen. The business meeting continued with a brief overview of the association's financial reports and county allocation graphs by Tom Pullyblank. The association is in a great place financially and Tom thanked the finance staff, Mayra Richter and Nicole Thompson for doing a great job. The association's revenue comes through multiple federal, state and county sources, as well as individual and corporate donations and fundraising.

Tina continued with the Ballot for Election for vacancies on the program advisory committees. There are no candidates for two vacancies on the 4-H program advisory committee, and no nominations were made from the floor. There is one candidate for one vacancy on the Agriculture & Horticulture Program Advisory Committee. Because of the in-person attendance, voting was able to be done in person and the actual counting of ballots was forgone, and Tina asked that the ballot be accepted as

presented. Brenda Seary moved to approve the ballot as presented and Deborah Gansinger-Hall seconded, the ballot was passed unanimously.

The meeting was then opened for new business and discussion, with no new business or discussion. Betsy Jensen moved to adjourn the business meeting and was seconded by Tom Pullyblank. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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