

NAATW Annual Member Meeting Minutes
Marriott Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Sunday November 20th, 2016
10:30 AM EST

Steering Committee Members Present: Blaine Bradbury (chairperson), Ross Drenin, Brouke Haynes and Don Miller.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson who then reviewed the agenda.

Minutes from the 2015 NAATW Business Meeting were approved as distributed.

The NAATW Annual Members meeting followed an hour session titled NAATW Annual Workshop Meeting which included a review of this year's conference, bid proposals for the 2017 conference and a general sharing with Q&A session.

The previous day (Saturday) the Steering Committee conducted a session titled "New Guidelines and Workshop 1-3 review with Q&A" in which a review of the previous three workshops (2013, 2014 and 2015) was presented, as well as, background on the development of the NAATW Charter and Guidelines.

The NAATW Treasurer presented a final report from 2015. Since the event was effectively put on by the Steering Committee the report encompassed both the workshop event and the NAATW organization's financial matters.

The NAATW Treasurer presented a 2016 financial report for the NAATW organization, including seed funding. The financial report for the 2016 event was presented by the 2016 Host Committee.

The NAATW Chairperson reported that over the past year we met frequently as we moved from our 'start-up' phase to implementing a bit more structure. We applied for and were granted non-profit (501c3) tax status. This should get us access to tools that will allow our volunteer to operate more effectively. We also spend a considerable amount of time shoring up our bid and host committee processes.

The Steering Committee is requesting three (3) additional steering committee members to come from the NAATW membership. We would like each to be willing to be available for a five year term. One of which we are asking to take on a role for a couple of years as 'technologist' focusing on technology and community issues.

The Chairperson emphasized the Steering Committee's desire to have members of the NAATW to infect our local areas with what we are doing here - please spread the word and provide us as much feedback as you can.

Although there was no old business from last year or from the floor, we did start to address issues (such as translation and recording) through our drafting of policies. Policies will be approved by the steering committee and published on the NAATW website. Please forward your thoughts, ideas and comments to the steering committee.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new NAATW Guidelines as distributed to this year's Annual Members Meeting. After discussion, **the new NAATW Guidelines were approved unanimously.**

In accordance with the new NAATW Guidelines, the Steering Committee conveyed a motion out of committee to disapprove the state of continuing steering committee members consisting of Blaine Bradbury, Brouke Haynes, Ross Drenin and Don Miller. **The motion failed unanimously.**

Nominations for NAATW Committee Steering Committee Member Five were opened. **Doug Green was elected as a NAATW Steering Committee Member.**

Nominations for NAATW Steering Committee Member Six were opened. **Murias O'Ceallagh was elected as a NAATW Steering Committee Member.**

Nominations for NAATW Steering Committee Member Seven were opened. **Karen Tiede was elected as a NAATW Steering Committee Member.**

The NAATW Steering Committee conveyed a seconded motion to disapprove Ross Drenin as Chairperson, Don Miller as Treasurer and Karen Tiede as secretary of the NAATW Steering Committee. **The motion failed unanimously.**

After a discussion of the draft policies document distributed to the NAATW Annual Members Meeting, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson.