



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SANITARIANS, INC.

Prestigious Recognition for Environmental Health Professionals

Minutes American Academy of Sanitarians Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, December 16, 2020

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Collins/Roberts

Present:

Brian Collins - Chair
Vince Radke - Vice Chair
Welford Roberts - Executive Secretary
Wendall Moore - Immediate Past Chair
Gary Noonan - Treasurer

Eric Bradley
James Balsamo
Jason Finley
Robert Powitz

Absent:

Michele Samarya - Timm (voted by Proxy)

Quorum: Yes

II. Moment of Silence/Remembrance

Collins

In memory and remembrance of Diplomates:

Dr. Sheila D. Pressley - DAAS #567
Dr. Carolyn H. Harvey - DAAS #574
CAPT. Bruce Chelikowsky - DAAS #409

III. Approval of Agenda

Collins

Item VII. B. GEHS Credential removed from Agenda as Diplomat Treser could not attend the meeting.

Agenda approved unanimously with removal of item VII. B. as motioned by Diplomat Laureate Balsamo and Second by Diplomat Laureate Powitz.

IV. Approval of Annual Business Meeting Minutes Collins

Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Minutes were not available. Past Chair Diplomate Moore, current Chair Diplomate Collins and Treasurer Diplomate Laureate Noonan agreed to aggregate notes and provide ABM Minutes to Executive Secretary Diplomate Laureate Roberts for the February Board of Director's meeting.

V. Principal Officers Reports Collins/Radke/Roberts

Chair Diplomate Collins reported on activities undertaken of behalf of the Academy since matriculation to Chair September 2020.

Vice Chair Diplomate Radke reported on activities undertaken on behalf of the Academy since Election to Vice Chair at the ABM.

Executive secretary Diplomate Laureate Roberts reported on activities and transition efforts between he and Treasurer Diplomate Laureate Noonan.

VI. Treasurers Report Noonan

Treasurer Diplomate Laureate Noonan reported on Financial Accounts held by the Academy. Total Academy Assets as of 12/15/20 are \$102,238.84. A separate John Todd Account was discussed and with approximately \$6500 in the account. Noonan also reported payment to NEHA for a booth in 2019 will carry over to the 2022 AEC and inquired as to how AAS/NEHA Scholarship donations on Colorado Gives Day is apportioned. Chair Collins will inquire of NEHA.

VII. Old Business Collins

A.) Board Status

Chair Collins reported elected and appointed positions on the Board and highlighted vacancies. The document was provided to the Executive Secretary and Treasurer with copies to the Vice Chair and Past Chair. Executive Secretary Roberts updated and posted to the website.

B.) GEHS Status – Removed from Agenda.

C.) AAS/NEHA/AEHAP/EHAC Collaborations

Vice Chair Diplomate Laureate Radke reported AAS has agreements with NEHA/AEHAP/EHAC regarding scholarship opportunities, mentoring exchange opportunities, Government Affairs (NEHA) and development of a profession - encompassing statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Radke recommended the Academy continue collaboration with NEHA/AEHAP/EHAC and communicate often.

D.) AAS Journal of Environmental Health Articles

Director Bradley indicated the article “A Call to Arms” provided to NEHA on behalf of the Academy was published in the December 2020 JEH. Director Bradley indicated there is one article written regarding student attendance at AEC’s in the hopper. The Board suggested the article be amended and adapted to angle “virtual” attendance. Chair Collins agreed to contact a Virtual Conference Manager to include the new perspective for the April/May issue. Director Bradley solicited new article submittals for the December 2021 JEH.

VIII. New Business

Moore/Collins

A.) Board of Director’s Appointee Nominees

Past Chair Diplomat Moore indicated four (4) nominees provided letters of interest and background for consideration and appointment. Diplomat Keith Allen, Diplomat Laureate James Dingman, Diplomat Wendy Fanaselle and Diplomat Timothy Murphy were vetted and placed into contention for one term of two years and one term of three years. A vote was convened with greater than a two-thirds majority secured for Diplomat Wendy Fanaselle (two-year term) and Diplomat Timothy Murphy (three-year term).

B.) Chair Appointments to Committees

Chair Diplomat Collins advised consent of, and appointment to Chairs of the following committees:

- Finance – Diplomat Laureate Roberts
- Nominations – Diplomat Moore
- Credentialing – Diplomat Finley
- Scholarship, Student and Career Advancement – Diplomat Balsamo
- Awards – Diplomat Fanaselle
- Ad Hoc Strategic Planning – Diplomat Laureate Powitz
- Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Diplomat Moore
- Ad Hoc Communications – Diplomat Laureate Samarya – Timm
- Ad Hoc Constitution and Bylaws – Diplomat Laureate Dingman

Chair Collins indicated notice would be officially provided to each Chair with an attached “One Pager” describing Committee charges.

IX. Review of Objectives **Collins**

Chair Diplomate Collins deferred the Agenda item.

X. Open Discussion **Board**

Chair Diplomate Collins asked for topics which might need to be included for next meeting. Director Diplomate Laureate Balsamo inquired as to when appointed Directors take office (immediately) and when his term expires (07/21). Treasurer and Diplomate Laureate Noonan asked that Chair Collins and Credentialing Committee Chair Diplomate Finley discuss roles of the committee. Further discussion: DLAAS credentials are approved by a Committee of DLAAS credential members. Diplomate Laureate Powitz asked that contact information be provided for Board and Committee Chairs. This was discussed and agreed could be put together with a brief bio/photo for the webpage but not assigned.

XI. Next Meetings **Collins**

Board Meeting – February 10, 2020 4:00pm ET

General Membership Meeting – March 10, 2020 4:00pm ET

XII. Adjournment **Collins**

Meeting adjourned ~ 6:40pm ET.

Respectfully submitted: *Brian Collins, DAAS, Chair* Date: 12/30/20

Approved: *Board* Date: 02/10/21

Executive Secretary: Date: