

AR-AER Annual Business Meeting Minutes September 20, 2019

I. Call to Order:

a. President Sandee Pinkstaff called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, September 2019 at the AR AER annual conference at the Four Points Little Rock, Arkansas.

b. Attendees included:

- Current Board Members: Sandee Pinkstaff, Whitney Musick, Stephanie Smith, Eric Yarberry, Debbie Darrough, Everett Elam, Michele Smith, Chelsea Williams, Teresa Golden, Tamara McNabb
- Members of AR Chapter of AER
- Other annual conference attendees who were not AR-AER members
- Absent Board Members: Cynthia Kiper, Kyle Kiper, Michelle Tull, Lisa Wilson

II. Award Presentation

AER Membership Awards: Teresa Golden and Sandee Pinkstaff

- Bill Tomlin Award: Jordan Smith, recipient
 - Stephanie Smith, presenter
- Individual Arkansas Distinguished Advocate Award: Darryl Manes, recipient
 - Everett Elam, presenter
- Individual Arkansas Distinguished Advocate Award: Mindy Simonson, recipient
 - Bona Son and Sharon Giovinazzo, presenters
- Joyce Ogburn Memorial Award: Garry Wright, recipient
 - Leonard Ogburn and LeAnn Alexander, presenters
- APH Wall of Tribute: Barbara Kemp, recipient
 - Sharon Niemczyk and Jo Ellen Croft, presenters

III. Board Elections: Eric Yarberry

- Ballots were passed out with an explanation of how the voting will take place.
- A call for nominations from the floor took place.
- Sharon Niemczyk moved that the nominations be closed. Paige Dillinger seconded the motion. It passed unanimously with no abstentions.

IV. Reading of the Minutes:

- A motion to accept the minutes from the November 5, 2018, meeting as submitted was made by Sharon Niemczyk and seconded by Everett Elam.
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote with no abstentions.

V. Treasurer's Report:

- **Current balance as of Sept 20, 2019:** \$12,689.12
- **Previous balance as of January 1, 2018:** \$13,872.54
- A motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted was made by Tamara McNabb
- and seconded by Paige Dillinger. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Committee Reports:

- **Awards Committee:** Everett Elam reported.
 - Awards were awarded, September 20, 2019, at this conference.
- **Conference Committee:** Whitney Musick reported.
 - Next year's conference will be on September 17-18, 2020. This is a Thursday and Friday.
- **Fundraising Committee:** Michele Smith reported.
 - We had a goal of \$5000 for this year
 - River Valley Horticulture will continue to provide fundraising opportunities
- **Membership Committee:** Teresa Golden
 - Recognition for long-term members were provided at this conference.
- **Media Committee:** No report
- **Nominations Committee:** Eric Yarberry

2020 Board:

President: Whitney Musick
President Elect: Chelsea Williams
Past President: Sandee Pinkstaff
Secretary: Eric Yarberry
Treasurer: Stephanie Smith

Members-at-Large:

2018-2020:

Teresa Golden
Debbie Darrough
Tamara McNabb
Everett Elam
Lisa Wilson

2019-2021:

Lori Cole
Alisha Kindrick
Latasha Mays
Tiffany Moore
Marieda Priest

- **Political Action Committee:** No report
- **Professional Development Committee:** No report

- **Social Committee:** No report

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

IX. Date of next AR-AER meeting:

- The next meeting of AR-AER as a whole will be at the 2020 AR AER conference.

X. Date of next AR-AER Board meeting:

- 4:00 PM. November 21, 2019 at Stephanie Smith's classroom at ASBVI.

XI. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by AR AER Secretary, Eric Yarberry