

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Omni Shoreham Hotel • Washington DC 20002

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

PARTICIPANTS

Board Members: Mit Joyner, President and Presider
Anthony Estreet
Bernadette Seifert
Bisrat Abebe
Monica Harrison
Cindy Bautista-Thomas
Sierra McNeil
Jenny Conger
Sharon Barber
Alice Kay Locklear

Kristi Wood
Anthony Bibus
Dorothy Saxon Greene
Robin Arndt
Rachelle Jackson
Barbara Shank
Mathew Goldberg
Alexis Gallegos

Other Members:

Molly Arbogast (WV)
Valerie Arendt (NC)
Gary Bailey (MA)
Sonja Bigalke-Bannan(HI)
Cassie Brown (MO)
Johanna Byrd (PA)
LaTonya Charles (LA)
Janet Clemenson (TX)
Dawn Ellis-Murray (AL)
Alicia Filibeck (OH)
Karen Franklin (TN)
Karen Goodenough (MN)
Kristie Jo King (PA)
Joshua J. Knowles (OK)

Margaret Maley (OH)
Victor Manalo (CA)
Kathleen Marble (NE)
Rebecca Martin (OH)
Mary Mienow (MN)
Alfred J. Murray (AL)
Steven Pharris (OK)
Tonie Protzman (AK)
Bruce Robi (KY)
Joe Seides (ID)
Lynn Stanley (NH)
Rita Webb (MA)
Gavin Wisdom (MT)

Staff:

Angelo McClain, Chief Executive Officer (NASW Member)
Anne Camper, General Counsel
Sue Jashinsky, Chief Administrative Officer
Sekou Murphy, Chief Financial Officer
Julia Lent, Deputy Director, Chapter Operations

Raffaele Vitelli, Vice President, Professional Education & Product Development
Gail Waller, Deputy Director, Membership, Marketing & Communications
(NASW Member)
Cheryl Bradley, Publisher, NASW Press
Nadine Nixon, Interim Human Resource Director
Michael Evans, Director of Treasury and Budget
Danielle Spears, Senior Executive Assistant & Special Projects
Doreta Richards, Senior Governance Associate

SUMMARY OF MEETING ACTIONS/MINUTES

Call to Order

The Annual Meeting of Association Members held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, was called to order at approximately 11:15 a.m., EDT, by NASW's President Mit Joyner, who presided over the meeting. A quorum was established for the meeting.

President Joyner welcomed members who joined the meeting. In her opening remarks she reiterated the Social Work Month theme, *The Time is Right for Social Work*, which has been the focus of her presentation at various chapter events and is apropos, given the current social and political climate of the country. She noted that we have been in a COVID environment and are being reconnected for the first time in almost three years. We must attend to our mental health needs; social workers have been on the front line and have seen firsthand, the impact of the virus on individuals, families, and communities. President Joyner acknowledged those social workers who lost their lives while serving others in the fight against the COVID virus.

President Joyner also spoke about gun violence and the mass shootings in Brooklyn, New York and Uvalde, TX, where many children and educators at Robb Elementary School were killed. She spoke about the mental health crisis facing the nation and encouraged members to become actively engaged in building safer communities, to become problem solvers and to assume their gatekeeping role.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and a motion taken for its approval.

M/S/Carried

(Gary Bailey -MA/LaTonya Charles -LA)

To approve the agenda for the 2022 Annual Meeting of Members as presented.

State of the Association

Chief Executive Officer Angelo McClain gave the state of the Association in which he spoke about the programmatic focus driven by the Delegate Assembly approved program priority goals. He reported that many of the strategic objectives outlined in the FY 2021-22 program plan were achieved through the collective efforts of chapters and the national office.

Dr. McClain also mentioned the continued trend in membership growth; the PPP Loan Forgiveness; and the Vaccine Grant that is being administered through the NASW Foundation. The goal of the grant is to train social workers to work with diverse populations to counter vaccine hesitancy. Speaking about the NASW National Conference, Dr. McClain said that he was encouraged by the number of registrants, exhibitors and dynamic speakers who would be participating over the next several days. He noted that we have exceeded expectations in terms of the number of registrants and extended appreciation to members for their ongoing support of the Association and the conference.

Additionally, in support of NASW's social justice agenda, the Association partnered with the Poor People's Campaign that spearheaded the Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington on June 18, 2022,

to call attention to the negatives of systemic racism, poverty, and ecological devastation. It was mentioned that Reverend Dr. William Barber, II who is Co-Chair of the Poor People’s Campaign, would deliver one of the keynote addresses during the conference.

Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting of Members

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting of Members were made available to meeting participants. The minutes were approved at the September 2021 NASW Board of Directors’ meeting. No action was taken.

Ratification of the 2022 Election Results

The results of the NASW 2022 national election were read into the minutes by Bernadette Seifert, NASW Board Member-at-Large and Secretary Pro Tempore:

NASW Board of Directors:

- President Elect Yvonne Chase (AK)
- Secretary Robin Arndt (HI)
- Member-at-Large Sylvester Bowie (CA)
- MSW Student Member Angela Medrano (CA)
- Director, Region V Alice Kay Locklear (NC)
- Director, Region VII Carol Edwards (FL)
- Director, Region XI LaTonya Charles (LA)
- Director, Region XII Michelle Pliske (OR)

National Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification -

- Region VII Representative Yterenickia Bell (GA)

After the reading of the election results, the following motion was taken:

M/S/Carried

(Bernadette Seifert-NH/Kristie Jo King-PA)

That the votes cast by proxy during the NASW 2022 national election, which concluded on May 27 be ratified by members who are present and verified as members of the Association in good standing.

Other Business and Adjournment

The floor was opened to members participating in the meeting as an opportunity to bring forward other business or matters relevant to the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m. EDT by consensus.