

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

DATE: November 14, 2018

LOCATION: SOIA state office Grimes, IA

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:    *X-- present in person*        *P-- phone*        *A--absent*

Southworth	<u>  X  </u>	Dougan	<u>  X  </u>	Stevens	<u>  X  </u>
Sorrel	<u>  A  </u>	Eldred	<u>  X  </u>	Voga	<u>  X  </u>
Oberlander	<u>  X  </u>	Eyles	<u>  X  </u>	Whitmore	<u>  P  </u>
Lively	<u>  X  </u>	Flori	<u>  X  </u>	Wilkie	<u>  X  </u>
Berns	<u>  A  </u>	Lightbody	<u>  A  </u>		
Clayton	<u>  X  </u>	Ohle	<u>  X  </u>	Palmer	<u>  X  </u>
Codina	<u>  X  </u>	Ramirez	<u>  A  </u>		

Quorum: (12 members)   X   Yes           No

Meeting called to order at   5:42   p. m by   Jill Southworth  

1.    **Welcome**--Board Chair, Jill Southworth

2.    **Athlete Report** by   None  .

3.    **Governance Report:**

Jill Southworth and Judi Eyles presented the following slate for election:

**Election of Special Olympics Board 2019 Officers** (one year term)

Chair:            Jill Southworth

Vice Chair:    Matt Dougan and Jack Ohle (Jack withdrew his nomination)

Secretary:    Dr. Mary Stevens

Treasurer:    Lou Flori

Past Chair:    Steve Palmer

**Re-election of Board Members to three year term** (terms expiring up for re-election)

Jack Ohle

Joseph (Joe) Ramirez

Dr. Mary Stevens

Michelle Wilkie

**Election of Athlete Board Member** to one year term

Patrick Gulbranson

Lisa Spencer

**Election of Board Member to three year term** (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Dawn Criss

Jason Miller

Angela Wood

**The slate of candidates were all elected as presented.**

3. **Review/Approve Board Minutes** from September 27, 2018:

Corrections if any - none

Motion to approve

By Marta Codina. Second by Jack Ohle

Motion approved  Unanimously. By votes 14

4. **Reports:**

**Financial** by Ted Oberlander and Jackie Pullen

They gave a detailed report as reflected in the written report provided for board members.

Motion to approve

By Jack Ohle. Second by Lana Voga

Motion approved  Unanimously. By 14 votes.

**Budget** by Ted Oberlander and Jackie Pullen

They gave a report on the budget as reflected in the written report provided to the board members. In-kind donations need to be reported and reflected in budget. Unified Sports starting in Des Moines Public Schools. Tim Shriver is coming to document the evolution of the program over a five year period. John requested approval to update the Grimes office prior to the filming of the documentary. Ted proposed including the cost of the upgrade in the budget and bringing it back to the board by the first week in December. The board will provide an electronic vote on the budget at that time.

**Investment Policy** by Ted Oberlander and Lou Flori – refer to written document submitted to board members. The finance committee will review the finalized policy and the policy will be sent to board members for an electronic vote by the first week in December.

**Retreat** by Ted Oberlander. Ted and Stu collected and summarized all the Board Retreat information and organized it according to the current SOIA standing committees. This information will provide direction for the committees during 2019. Refer to the Board Retreat Follow-up written report provided to the board members.

**CEO Report** by John Kliegl

John reported that more than 16,000 athletes have participated this year in SOIA events.

Two new positions:

- A new employee for the marketing and communications position will start the week after Thanksgiving, and
- A new position for an Assistant Director of Unified Programs is in process.

## **Program**

Unified Sports is the focus for the national Special Olympics. Tim Shriver will visit Des Moines because Des Moines Public Schools will participate in unified sports as a district. Tim will document the evolution of unified sports in Des Moines over a five year period.

More than 5,000 athletes participated in the statewide bowling competition this year.

Steve Palmer reported that the Torch Run has raised \$733,000,000 for Special Olympics since the early 1980s with the goal of 1 billion dollars by 2023. \$738,000 has been raised this year in Iowa.

Casey's funding has been received.

The Big 12 schools organization has chosen Special Olympics as their charity of choice this year.

SOIA is sending two athletes (unified pair) to Abu Dhabi in March for international competition. National Special Olympics is paying for the travel. Internationals very excited about unified sports. Tanner Nissen is going to support the process. Bryan Coffey is accompanying the athletes at national expense.

## **5. Old Business**

Jill Southworth reminded everyone that the holiday party is December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Iowa Hall of Pride. Steve Palmer reported that three athletes and three volunteers will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SOIA and the first year for SOIA inductees.

## **6. New Business**

Meeting dates for 2019 – Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. Jill proposed having the holiday party every other year. It was decided to postpone the decision until after the holiday party this year. Lana proposed having a new board member meeting/orientation prior to the meeting in February.

Personnel survey results –the board members will be review the results and a discussion will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

## **7. Closed session (need record but will not be included in general minutes)**

Steve Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Marta Codina Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

## **ADDENDUM TO SOIA MINUTES of November 14, 2018**

1. **2019 Budget.** A draft of the 2019 Budget was submitted to the Board for review and approval at the scheduled meeting. After discussion vote on the 2019 Budget was deferred for further by the Finance Committee and electronic voting. After further review the Finance Committee recommended approval of the 2019 Budget marked 'Final'.

Pursuant to SOIA Bylaws Article IX, Sec. 8 which provides for email voting after conclusion of a meeting by Board members present at the meeting, the recommendation for approval of the 2019 Budget marked 'Final' was submitted to the Board and unanimously approved on December 14, 2018

2. **Investment Policy.** A draft of a new Investment Policy was submitted to the Board by the Finance Committee for review and approval at the scheduled meeting. After discussion, vote was deferred for later electronic vote. After revision, the Finance Committee recommended approval of the Investment Policy as attached to this Addendum to SOIA Minutes of November 14, 2018.

Pursuant to SOIA Bylaws Article IX, Sec. 8 which provides for email voting after conclusion of a meeting by Board members present at the meeting, the recommendation for approval of a new Investment Policy, superseding all previous Investment Policies was submitted to the Board and unanimously approved on December 14, 2018