



**National Organization for Arts in Health
Annual Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2019
8:00 am
NOAH Room 210
Hynes Convention Center**

Present: Todd Frazier, President; Claire de Boer, Vice-President; Naj Wikoff, Second Vice-President; Barbara Steinhaus, Secretary; Annette Ridenour, Treasurer; Ari Albright, Ferol Carytsas, Jackie Hamilton, Alan Siegel, Katherine Trapanovski
Others Present: Danielle Acerra, Associate Administrator; Sarah Bella Mondragon, assistant to Assoc. Admin; 40 members of NOAH

Proceedings

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: Todd Frazier, President**

Todd Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:12 AM after waiting a few extra minutes for those held up in Boston traffic. He welcomed those present.
- II. Confirm and Approve Minutes of the 2018 General Member Meeting**

The President called that the minutes of the previous General Member Meeting be approved.
Previous Minutes: Following the call to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018, General Member Meeting, there was no discussion.
Resolved: The previous minutes were approved as distributed.
- III. Summary of Organizational Achievements 2016-2019**

Todd summarized the accomplishments from years 2016-2017, and 2017-2018, followed by the specific highlights of the past year, as provided with the Agenda, 2018 Annual Membership Meeting minutes, and Summary of Income/Expense and the proposed Annual Budget for 2020. He praised the members as they both drive and assist the board in putting plans into action.
- IV. Introduction of New President**

With sincere admiration, Todd introduced Claire de Boer as the new President of the National Organization for Arts in Health. He also described the tradition he is establishing by gifting the new president with a token from the home state of the retiring president. In this case, Todd had presented Claire with a beautifully crafted belt-buckle

from Texas last night at "The Hamilton" International Arts in Health Awards Ceremony. He also presented her with a "secret" folder of NOAH documents.

V. Goals for 2020

Claire offered her welcome to the membership, introduced the board chairs and members, and the two administrative staff: Danielle Acerra and Sarah Bella, thanking them all sincerely. She also thanked the volunteers that make NOAH a success. Her remarks included the following reflections on arts in health:

“we deeply regard (art) as we deeply regard our lives”

“flexibility in problem-solving”

“ future physicians will ask at a check up: How often do you engage in art?”

“best work when we collaborate”

She also addressed the goals of sustainability, the strategic plan of going deeper, not wider, and holding the second Leadership Summit.

VI. Committee Reports:

Naj reported that NOAH led their first Leadership Summit; NOAH hoped to find what kept the arts in health leaders up at night. Two of the more emphasized issues were burnout, and siloing. The Advocacy committee began working with other agencies on surveying arts agencies to discover their level of knowledge and involvement in arts in health. 70% of the participants said they supported arts in health. His committee also worked with the Pennsylvania State University Arts in Health Festival. The committee sees that more information on arts in health programs and best practices is needed; NOAH can help them learn about this.

VII. Finance

Annette shared her information on NOAH's increased membership and its impact on the budget, as well as income and expense reports. Following that, she introduced and went through the 2020 projected budget.

VIII. Resolved: The 2020 NOAH Bdget was approved.

IX. Review of Current Board Rotations and New Board Member Nominations

Claire reviewed the Governance process and told the members to please keep in mind both the skills and diversity sought by NOAH for new members. NOAH plans to announce the new board members in August, 2020.

X. Open Member Discussion

Claire and Naj led the membership in an open Q and A. NOAH is working to sustain and build on its process of transparency and openness. One question was about volunteering. Claire explained that the committees do accept members to serve on committees and welcome an email about their interest to be sent to the committee chair. This information will be available on the website. NOAH will be sending a membership survey about the conference and encourages each attendee to give us feedback. Another request was made to create a "list serve" for members. NOAH is looking at platforms for the more successful way to do this. NOAH does have a Facebook page and encouraged the members to use it for networking.

XI. New Business

Claire thanked the Board and all who had attended for making this conference so strong and a wonderful start for her first year as President. Then she introduced the other officers for the coming year:

First Vice-President: Jackie Hamilton

Second Vice-President: Naj Wikoff

Secretary: Barbara Steinhaus

Treasurer: Annette Ridenour

XII. The annual membership meeting of the National Organization for Arts in Health was adjourned at 9:05 AM.