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PENNSYLVANIA COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

A Branch of the American Counseling Association

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2022

Graduate Center, Room 200

Kutztown University

As a state branch of the American Counseling Association, the Pennsylvania Counseling Association accepts the responsibility to serve and represent Pennsylvania's professional counselors by providing leadership and professional development. The purpose of the association is to enhance human development throughout the lifespan and to promote professional counseling.

Meeting commenced at 10:16am.

Introductions/Roll Call:

Officers of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association

Present

- President: Deborah Duenyas
- President-Elect: Matthew Nice
- Secretary: Ashley Deurlein
- Treasurer: Derek Parker

Not Present

- Immediate Past-President: Steve Kuniak

Branch Chapter Officers

Present

- GPACA: Lisa Corbin
- GPCA: Mary Matlak
- NEPCA: Sonja Lund

Not Present

Branch Division Officers

Present

- PACES: Joe Behun
- PASERVIC: Dayna Pizzigoni
- PASGW: Brittany Pollard-Kosidowski

Not Present

- PACAC: Amy Halter
- PAMGCA: Michelle Steimer
- PCCA: Kenneth Messina
- PS-SAIGE: Dominic Petitto

- PAMCD: Leslie Cogorno

Special Interest Group - N/A

Standing Committees (non-voting)

Present

- Archives: Mark Kenney
- Conference: Deborah Duenyas & Matthew Nice
- Government Relations: Travis Schermer
- Ethics/By-Laws: Gregory Roth
- Nominations and Elections: Samantha Urbanik
- Professional Development: Ashley Coombs

Not Present

- Graduate Student Liaison: Ashley Womer
- Finance/Budget: *vacancy*
- Membership: Kelley McNicols

Special Committees (non-voting)

Present

- Awards: Lisa Corbin
- Committee for Anti-Racism and Inclusive Action (CARIA): Sonja Lund & Christina Green
- Journal: Terence Yee

Not Present

- Past Presidents: Paul Datti
- Marketing and PR: Steve Kuniak

Guests

Present

- Becky Wills (GPACA President-Elect)
- Patricia Obilo-Azandegbe
- Jennifer Park

Quorum present with 7/15 voting members. (as of 12:09 pm) (5 votes needed to pass)

MOTION (Ashley Deurlein): Approve the meeting agenda listed below with addendums from the following (second by Joe Behun), 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Consent Agenda has been adopted.

NEPCA addition

President Discussion Item

Approval of January 15, 2022 Minutes

Copies were distributed in advance of the meeting for board review. The president asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes that were distributed in advance of this meeting. Being that there were no corrections, the minutes stood approved as read.

Officer Item/Action/Discussion Items:

President – Deborah Duenyas

Updates:

- Attended annual North Atlantic Region Leadership Training (NAR ILT) as a branch representative of PCA
- Attended the Delegates Business meeting and NAR ACA business meeting during the ACA Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- Attended CSI Statewide conferences and presented with Matt Nice, on Servant-Leadership opportunities with PCA.
- Met with Government relations Chair, Travis Schermer, to discuss legislative initiatives in PA, the Government Relations Newsletter, and PCA Advocacy Day.
- Attended PCA Advocacy Day.
- Coordinated with Mark Kenny, to pack the PCA archives and transport them to Kutztown University (KU).
- Coordinated with Sue Czerny, Assistant Professor, Librarian at Kutztown University regarding housing the PCA archives.
- Provided direction on PCA email inquiries, division emails and advertisements, and any other outside contacts to PCA.
- Worked with the Membership Committee to create an advertisement for the New-Membership discount incentive.
- Met with Professional Development Co-Chair, Ashley Coombs, regarding Continuing Education credits for PCA members.
- Met with PCA President-Elect, Matt Nice, regarding planning for the conference and Professional Development committee member changes.
- Met with PCA Past-President, Steve Kuniak, to discuss the marketing committee.
- Emailed with elections chair regarding the 2022 PCA elections.
- Called and congratulated newly elected members to the PCA board.
- Reviewed the revisions to the PCA Policy Manual.
- Drafted a statement regarding the war in Ukraine for membership.
- Discussed/drafted a statement regarding women's rights with CARIA members.

Discussion Items:

- Possible change in Archive Committee responsibilities with the new e-records system.
 - All items have been moved to Kutztown and will be uploaded this summer. Any documents moving forward should be directly sent to Kutztown to add to the database.
 - Do we need to maintain/keep an archives chair? Should it remain open? Greg stated that it would make sense to transfer the role to the secretary to forward (cumulative reports, agendas, minutes, etc)
 - Table till future meetings till we see how the drive/archives will be structured electronically.

No action items.

President-Elect – Matthew Nice

Updates:

- 103 conference proposals received for upcoming conference. (76 educational sessions, 13 Roundtables, 10 Posters, and 4 Division-sponsored educational sessions- PACES Panel, PASGW, PASERVIC, and PSCA)
- Able to accept- Update
- PSCA Correspondence- Met with PSCA Executive Director. PSCA will have a sponsored session, exhibition table, networking table Friday night

Discussion items:

- The PCA Leadership Manual has been sent to everyone on the board. If you have had an opportunity to read it, do you have any suggestions or additions you would recommend?
- Qualifications to run for President
 - Currently states that there is a 6 month or more active in PCA leadership - do we need to make this more specific as its currently ? Sonja stated that it would be very beneficial to have a working knowledge of how the Board operates. Joe stated that this could limit us in the number of candidates, but it is important to have experience in leadership - perhaps not currently but have served on executive board of PCA or its Chapters/Divisions. Greg stated that currently, the requirements do not state “leadership” in the wording. Joe stated that it should have a second line that if the criteria cannot be met, that there should be a caveat “or as approved by the board” to expand the search beyond the initial requirements.
 - Joe will create the official verbiage to define leadership, with a second bullet that states the board may vote to expand the search beyond the requirements. This will be presented at the next board meeting

No action items

Immediate Past-President – Steve Kuniak

Updates:

- Continuing to offer consultation for Deborah and Matt.
- Have offered support to Ashley (congratulations!) for her incoming year as president-elect.
- Continued to offer support for the 2022 PCA Conference planning.
- Support offered related to PCA policies, elections, website, membership, etc.
- Have continued to consult and offer direction on PCA emails, calls and communications from members and non members.
- Still seeking connections with ACA regarding ACA connect (no follow up from ACA).
- Still attempting to follow up with ACA communications to get a better plan for PCA communication with outside news sources and media inquiries (no follow up from ACA).
- Continuing work on Slack server for PCA member benefits and development of a PCA online store to further increase income for PCA initiatives. This initiative will shift to the Marketing and Outreach committee role going forward..

No discussion or action items.

Secretary – Ashley Deurlein

Updates:

- Please send all changes in leadership to pcaofficer.sec@gmail.com so it may be updated on the website and Board contact info.

Discussion items:

- Addition to the 2022 Policies to limit the number of leadership positions held by one person
 - There will be a limit placed onto voting members, you may hold one voting position. There is concern in limiting to all committees because there is sometimes vacancy. There will be no move to limit the number of positions a person may hold in leadership at this time.

No action items.

Treasurer – Derek Parker

Updates:

- Working with incoming President on next year's budget

- Paying bills and depositing funds
- Setting up a transition document for the new Treasurer
- Set up new email address and converting items into that account
- Quarterly Report

No discussion items

Action Items:

- **MOTION (Joe Behun): Approve next year's budget as is (seconded by Ashley Deurlein), 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.**
 - Similar to this year's budget with an increase to the ACA conference for president and president elect due to the increase in costs and the ACA conference location in Toronto next year.

Consent agenda adopted due to no objections.

Special Interest Group Discussion/Action Items:

N/A

Chapter Discussion/Action Items:

GPACA (Greater Philadelphia Area Counseling Association) – Rebecca Wills

Updates:

- GPACA Career Fair June 11th 9 – 12:30 at PCOM

No discussion or action items.

GPCA (Greater Pittsburgh Counseling Association) – Mary Matlak

Updates:

- Virtual board meeting via Zoom was held on April 4, 2022.
- We continue with our search for leadership for the chapter. We have a new treasurer, Courtney Alvaraez. We also have an interested member to be presented for the secretary position at next GPCA board meeting in July. We have not been able to reach the president elect since January and uncertain of his intent. Geographical representative positions are also available.
- Secretary Kathy Hays led a Zoom Membership Meeting on 2/21/2022.
- Social media is active on Facebook page and members have access to Facebook group.
- The GPCA by-laws will be revised for Article II – Membership to reflect the same content as the PCA by-laws. Final draft to be presented to the board at the July meeting for approval. We will not have an institutional member category.
- Current bank balance as of 4/4/2022 is \$5,992.33.
- We are looking forward to the annual PCA Conference to be held in our region this year.

Discussion Items:

- Members are asking for clarification about in person/virtual CEs requirements for licensure renewal.
 - The LPC Board made an announcement that a certain number of in person hours had to occur. The State sent an email at the beginning of May stating that the policy was reverting to require at least 10 hours of in person in addition to any virtual or distance education.

No action items.

NEPCA (North Eastern Pennsylvania Counseling Association) – Sonja Lund

Updates:

- NEPCA hosted an open board meeting on 4/9/22 where future organizational efforts and needs were discussed.
- NEPCA is currently in the process of seeking nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Graduate Student Representative positions. Voting will take place June 1-15, 2022 with results being announced on June 16th.
- A membership interest survey was distributed to aid in further planning future NEPCA activities once the new board takes over.

No discussion or action items.

- Sonja will be moving to Virginia for a new job and is seeking a replacement for NEPCA president. Ashley Coombs suggested combining all of Northern PA. Matt stated that the regional chapters are localized to focus on the culture and needs of the area. Mary stated that broadening the regional chapters in the past was not hugely successful because of accessibility for in person events/meetings. Sonja said that there is a number of qualified people in the area, she is just not certain how to get them involved.

Division Discussion/Action Items:

PACAC (Pennsylvania Association of Child & Adolescent Counselors) –

Updates:

No report submitted.

PACES (Pennsylvania Association for Counselor Education and Supervision) - Joe Behun

Updates:

- PACES has completed its annual spring conference. The spring conference took place on April 22, 2022 at Villanova University. Conference attendees were able to earn CE hours through PCA. PACES members enjoyed an afternoon conference and a social event that evening.
- PACES held elections in the spring for president and secretary/treasurer. The new officers will take their positions in accordance with PACES and PCA Bylaws on July 1, 2022, and serve through June 30, 2024.
- PACES continues to send out job postings for current members.

No discussion or action items

PAMCD (Pennsylvania Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development) – Hsin-Hua Cathy Lee

Updates:

- There are a total of 56 members, which is the same as the number since the last board meeting (January 2021).
- We hosted a virtual meet-&-greet for members in April 2022.
- We have started a Facebook group for members to connect with one another.
- We are in the process of creating a scholarship process to sponsor 2 students to PCA conference in October 2022
- We are in the final process of revising our by-laws.
- We are still exploring whether it is worth the effort to become recognize by AMCD.

No discussion or action items.

PASGW (Pennsylvania Association of Specialists in Group Work) – Brittany Pollard-Kosidowski

Updates:

- Our monthly webinar series continues! Each event has been well-attended (15+) and we are grateful to our speakers. Always looking for other group workers to feature and share their expertise – reach out if you're interested in facilitating something!
- Our monthly virtual student support group also continues. Hoping to nail down a consistent date for the remainder of this calendar year and continue growing this initiative.
- PASGW-sponsored session proposal submitted for PCA conference – hope to see you there!
- Thank you to our Past-President, Ashley Coombs, for her service and leadership. Her term will end 6/30/2022 and we will welcome a new Grad Student Representative on board in July!

No discussion or action items

PASERVIC (Pennsylvania Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling) - Dayna Pizziogni

Updates:

- Three successful projects/events in 2022; presenters will receive \$25 honorarium
 - **Let's Talk Mental Health: Raising Awareness for Spiritual and Religious Leaders** (May 14, 2022)
 - 12 registered; 4 attended (Saturday event)
 - Personal connections made; focus of reducing stigma in BIPOC church communities; psychoeducation
 - **Webinar & Case Conference: Three Ways of Understanding and Integrating Religion & Spirituality in Counseling** (April 2, 2022)
 - 29 registered; 27 attended; excellent feedback
 - Planning to be an annual event
 - **Community Connection Project** (Feb 1- March 5, 2022)
 - Outreach phone calls to all members to follow-up on needs assessment and connect
 - New board nomination resulted and follow-up project for those who wanted more information or involvement in-process
- Continued support of clinicians and students with **Grounding Support Group**
 - Every third Friday from 9-9:55am; pausing for summer (no GSG June, July, August)
 - Average presence of 6 members; silent meditation & poem utilized before sharing

Discussion:

- How many board members do other (non-regional) divisions have? What are the caps for service terms?
 - Deborah or Matt will follow up with Dayna on this since she was not present at the time of her report.
- What forms of electronic payments are utilized that connect to PCA account? I would like to have clarity on how to streamline payments to PCA when our division leaders coordinate registration for events.
 - All electronic transactions must go through Deneen. NBCC stipulates a requirement for ACEPs to have registration and financial tracking as well.

No action items

PMGCA (PA Military and Government Counseling Association) – Michelle Steimer

Updates:

No report submitted.

PCCA (Pennsylvania College Counseling Association) - Kenneth Messina

Updates:

No report submitted.

PS-SAIGE (PA Society of Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Communities) - Dominic Petitto

Updates:

No report submitted.

Committee Discussion/Action Items

Archives – Mark Kenney

Updates:

- Archives records successfully moved to Kutztown University
- Important organizational documents (i.e. Charter), external hard drive, and scanner also provided to current president, Deb Duenyas

Discussion items:

- Role of the Archives Committee Chair now that the records all and will be electronically stored
 - Refer to President's report
- Replacement of the Archives Committee Chair
 - Refer to President's report
 - Mark inquired about the housing and transfer of original legal documents - does that go from President to President, annually, or an Archives Chair? Deborah stated that this will table for the next meeting when we have a better idea of the redefined role of Archives Chair.

No action items.

Awards – Lisa Corbin

Updates:

Discussion items:

- Group nominations for the Advocacy award – should we create a “PCA Outstanding Division/Branch/Position” award?
 - Matt stated that this arose when trying to determine how exactly it will function, does the chapter/division nominate themselves? There needs to be language to determine nominations, number of awards received within so many years, criteria surrounding how nominations are made. Deborah stated that CARIA was new and upcoming and that was why it was awarded last year, and Joe stated that the legislative committee was awarded in the past. Deborah stated that the rubrics for other awards may be a good template to model.
 - Lisa wants to determine if this is the current award, or if there needs to be another one developed. Greg suggested doing individual and group awards with a limitation. Matt stated that it could be an open nomination or a selection process. Joe stated that nominations can be brought to the board and determined that way, Matt suggested that nominations would come from the executive board.

- Mary inquired about chapters/divisions picking awards from their membership - Lisa stated that the agenda for the awards ceremony does not have a lot of extra time to accommodate this.
- Deborah suggested sending out the call for nominations as in the past and to look at development of a rubric for this award to be determined in the August meeting.

Action items:

- Group nominations for the Advocacy award – should we create a “PCA Outstanding Division/Branch/Position” award?
 - Tabled. Matt and Lisa will develop wording for the nomination and award requirements

Budget & Finance - vacant

No report submitted

Committee for Anti-Racism and Inclusive Action (CARIA) - Sonja Lund & Christina Green

Updates:

- CARIA hosted a meeting on 4/13/22 where we further discussed:
 - BIPOC Scholarship Update for 2022: we had 38 applicants, all 10 scholarships have been awarded and fulfilled
 - By-law review
 - The creation of a support type group for professionals who are encountering issues related to racism, sexism, heterosexism, privilege, etc in their professional work. Interest has been expressed in creating such a group.
 - Having a roundtable series focused on DEI/anti-racism.
 - Creating some type of psychoeducational talk/presentation around ‘What is Critical Race Theory?’

Discussion:

- Potential DEI/Anti-racism series in a roundtable like format.
- Crafting and releasing statements related to current events and social justice/advocacy issues.
 - Deborah stated that we should move forward in drafting statements that mirror ACA’s stance.
 - Christina discussed the importance and impact that the statements have. Sonja stated that statements can be drafted to not take a political stance. Deborah suggested a newsletter for CARIA to discuss and address different issues and current events. Christina inquired about the frequency (monthly, quarterly, as may arise) - Deborah emphasized the importance of ensuring appropriate representation of the membership base. Sonja inquired about social media usage, Derek stated that they are able to have and post on social media and statements approved by the president can be sent to Deneen for dissemination.
- Integrating land acknowledgements in future conferences.

Action items:

- Recommended bylaw changes to Greg:
 - Article 7 Section 1 of the by-laws needs to be amended to include CARIA.
 - Does not need to be voted on, just needs to be changed by Greg.
 - Article 8 Section 4 contains gendered language (his/her), recommend amending to “their.”
 - This likely was previously changed but this one was missed. As such, it does not need to be voted on in this meeting.

Conference – Jill Krahwinkel (Programs)/ Patricia Obilo-Azandegbe (Logistics)

Updates:

- We had 98 proposal that received a double-blind review (two reviewers for interrater reliability).

- All proposals were accepted, those with critical feedback were offered roundtable or posters.
- There was some concern about the quality of proposals-would like to address for next year.
- Matt & Jill created programs schedule. Jill sent decision emails out the week of 5/23-5/27. Authors of proposals were asked to accept the decision by July 15th.

Discussion items:

- If we are going to generally accept all proposals, unless harm indicated, we should modify the review process. Jill is happy to work with Matt, Ashley, and Deborah for next year's conference.
- All proposals need to be submitted via Survey Monkey (even division proposals) for organization and tracking (e.g., Whova App, Continuing Education, etc.)

No action items

Ethics/By Laws - Gregory Roth

Updates

- Reviewed draft proposal of Bylaws for Pa. Association of Multicultural Counseling & Development

No discussion or action items

Government Relations – Travis Schermer

Updates:

- **Actions in committee:**
 - *Newsletter*: Release of first Government Relations Newsletter with the intent to create two or more a year. The newest one is in the works now!
 - *Advocacy Day*: Virtual Advocacy Day 2022 covered interstate counseling compacts, professional identity, and small group discussions around issues facing the profession PA. CEs issued through Professional Development.
 - *Summer Programming*: Working on a virtual summer training that will continue to connect members to Gov. Relations.
 - *BPOA Waivers Ending*: Several COVID pandemic waivers from BPOA are expiring in the coming weeks (e.g., virtual CE, telehealth for interns). GRC is reaching out to the Board to clarify some of these changes to communicate with membership.
- **Discussions in committee:**
 - *Interstate Counseling Compacts*: The Interstate Compact is going into effect now that ten states have signed on. Those who are not trained as counselors, but licensed by the state as counselors, are eligible to be included in the Compact. The GRC has concerns about PA's flexibility in the LPC and how that might impact counselors in our state if it were to join the compact (i.e., competing with non-counselors in state and potentially with counselors in other states).
 - *Psychologist Prescription Privileges*: While there is a need in our communities for greater access to psychiatric services, this increases the disparity between professions. GRC is discussing the potential harms and benefits of this legislation. Feedback from the Board is welcomed. See the language of the bill at:
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?syear=2021&sind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2607>
 - *Tiered Licensure/Supervision Credential*: Based on feedback from Advocacy Day 2022, there was strong support for exploring changes to our licensure law to ensure greater oversight and structure. The GRC is looking to invest in trying to update this process. This may be helped by Music Therapists and Art Therapists pursuing their own licensure (legislation is pending).
 - *Paid Internship Research*: Legislation has been proposed to explore the potential of providing funding for teacher and social worker interns. Other professional groups have been excluded

from this inquiry and GRC has crafted language to share with members about contacting legislators to include counselors. See the resolution here:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?syear=2021&sind=0&body=H&type=R&bn=205>

- *Lobbyist*: The multiple challenges facing Professional Counseling in the state, the Government Relations Committee continues to come back to the need for a supportive advocate in lobbying. A partner to assist PCA in getting to the table before the legislation in proposed ensures that counselors are not always trying to catch up to what's already been done.

Discussion Items:

- Tiered licensure: Is the Board interested in GRC exploring and investing in this issue?
 - PA may be one of the few states that are not tiered. This is something that may move the licensure into its own board/counselor specific.
- Compacts: What are the potential challenges of PA being in the Compact? This feedback will help to inform GRC moving forward. Travis is investigating more on how this will impact counselors in the state. Travis stated that a lobbyist would be beneficial for this and would like to bring it back to the board to consider in the future.
 - Greg asked if this is being pushed for by Social Workers or MFTs also because they are all under the same licensing board; Mark stated that social workers are looking to start the process, but the counselors are taking the lead.
 - Derek stated that a lobbyist would need to be added in a line to the budget - it was previously \$36,000/year, we would need to get quotes as it has likely increased since last budgeted for. Travis inquired if it could be added to this year's budget, Derek stated that it could be added at any time with a board vote. Matt suggested investigating grant funds; Joe suggested NAR specifically.
- Psychologist prescription legislation: Feedback is welcomed. It was just recently proposed. Travis reaffirmed Mark's statement about a need in areas for this service so it may have traction.

No action items.

Graduate Student Liaison – Ashley Womer

Updates:

No report submitted

Journal - Terence Yee

Updates:

- Published JPCA Volume 22, issue 1.
- Sent out an email to seek reviewers. Added three reviewers to the team

No discussion or action items

Marketing and Outreach - Steve Kuniak

Updates:

- Social media engagement continues to grow. Posts uploaded regularly on all platforms. Particular highlighted engagement focused on Counselor Advocacy Month, and the Government Relations event
- Conference sponsorship and vendor opportunities have been released. Several groups/organizations have reached out. One has submitted its application. Social media engagement around sponsorship and vendor opportunities will continue to increase as we progress closer to the conference.
- Continuing to develop Whova platform as a member benefit, and continuing development of PCA online store to increase annual funds for the association's initiatives.
- Promotional items are being coordinated for the PCA Conference

No discussion or action items.

Membership – Kelley McNichols & Stephanie DePalmer

Updates:

No report submitted

Nominations & Elections – Samantha Urbanik

Updates:

- We have elected our next president, secretary, and treasurer! Thank you to all who helped during this years' election cycle.

Discussion items:

- Welcome/congratulations to Ashley, Patty, and Jennifer

No action items.

Past Presidents – Paul Datti

Updates:

- None

No discussion or action items

Professional Development – Kenya Johns & Ashley Coombs

Updates:

- Ashley has resigned from the position and Joy Gray will start July 1, 2022.
- We have completed more than 6 organizations CEs.

Discussion items:

- The volume of CEs that we are now receiving is becoming too much to handle. We need to develop a strategy to address this moving forward

No action items

Additional Report Items

A. Old Business –

- Deborah thanked Derek and Ashley for their years of service as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively
- Deborah passed the gavel to Matt

B. New Business –

- Policy Manual for 2022
 - **MOTION (Joe Behun): Create a policy committee, seconded by Derek Parker, 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.**
 - **MOTION (Joe Behun): Approve the manual as presented, seconded by Deborah Dueynas, 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.**
 - **MOTION (Joe Behun): President Elect must propose budget for conference 18 months prior, seconded by Derek Parker, 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention. Motion passed.**
 - **MOTION (Joe Behun): Approve the timeline for reports as presented in the manual, seconded by Deborah Dueynas, 6 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions.**

- Discussion, Dayna inquired if the timeline was required, Joe stated yes because fiscal requests need 2 weeks to review before the meeting.
- **MOTION (Joe Behun): Approve the wording on conference planning, seconded by Derek Parker, 5 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention. Motion passed.**
 Discussion: Dayna is concerned that the President Elect choosing the location will potentially not allow for equal access or representation of the regions of the state and would like to add some sort of rotation requirement into the wording. Derek stated that, logistically, it may not be in the best interest to require a rotation, but to rely on the emotional intelligence of leadership. Dayna will add follow up to this via email.
 - **as per Dayna's email, she has changed her vote from "Abstention" to "No", stating "I would like my vote to be on record as 'against', rather than an abstention. It occurred to me after our meeting that Matt's choice wasn't on the line as there was no policy otherwise in place. It is important to me to vote NO for a policy that supports accessibility to a servant leader over those they serve. I appreciate how policies help a community uphold their mission and values."
- Policy Committee was created as a standing committee.
 - **MOTION (Matthew Nice): Appoint Joe Behun as the Policy Committee Chair, seconded by Deborah Dueynas, 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**

C. As May Arise –

- Mary Matlak asked if Chapters/Divisions have to submit an annual report. Derek informed her that a treasurer's report is due for Chapters/Divisions with bank accounts.

D. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- August, date TBD (Zoom)

Motion to adjourn by Matthew Nice, second by Deborah Dueynas. 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Adjournment @ 1:38 pm.