

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
National Executive Board
Minutes
Special Board Meeting
Meeting Date: 7/11/2012

Call to Order:

The 7/11/2012 special board meeting of the BSMA was held by electronic means (Go to Meeting) telephone and computer. The meeting convened at 8:43pm (EDT), President Robin McCarthy presiding and Charilyn Damigo, Recording Secretary. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Members in attendance:

President Robin Barnes-McCarthy
1st Vice President Janet Broussard
2nd Vice President Rev. Lin McGee
3rd Vice President Teresa Bullock
4th Vice President Rose Ann Elliott
Recording Secretary Charilyn Damigo
Financial Secretary Anne Parker
Treasurer Julie Roberts

Dept of AZ Pres Rebecca Leatherwood
Dept of OH Pres Pat Pell
Dept of OK Pres Mary Herandy
Dept of MI Pres Kristine Wirgau
Dept of MN Pres Jean Duane
PNP Susan Nail
PNP Karen Stevens

Absent: none

Roll Call of Officers -- (Recording Secretary)
Prayer -- (PNP Karen Stevens)
Pledge of Allegiance -- (Pat Pell)
Blue Star Mothers Preamble -- (Kristine Wirgau)

Business

MINUTES: The minutes from the 7/1/2012 NEB meeting have been revised and re-sent to include all reports that were inadvertently left out. Please review for approval at a future NEB meeting.

New Business

Finance Committee Report

- The revised budget/policies to be submitted at Convention were sent by email this morning.
Changes made:
 - CFC donations line increased due to the unexpected receipt of checks late in the fiscal year
 - The line item for insurance expense was increased as approved to allow for higher projected premium costs.
- MOTION (from Committee): To present the Capital Budget to the Convention Body allocating funds for capital needs including new computer hardware, telecommunications needs, website update, etc. Motion passes on vote.
- There is a conflict in the financial policies (specifically section 3.5.1) regarding unauthorized expenses. Explanation given by PNP Karen Stevens that registration fees are allowed to be

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paid for delegates by a chapter, but they should not be paid by individual members and then reimbursed by the chapter.

- MOTION (from Committee): NEB approval is given for presentation of the budget and financial policies at the Convention. Motion passes on vote.
- Discussion ensued regarding changing the process for Convention registration in the future. Our CPA has stated that we should avoid reimbursements to individual reimbursements. It is acceptable (per previous attorney Don Alexander) for chapters to pay for delegates to attend the Convention as it is an authorized program expense.

OH 15

- OH15 (Lima chapter) would like to re-join BSMA with a new charter and new EIN, but would like to keep the same chapter number. The chapter was disbanded in 2008 due to multiple compliance issues.
- MOTION: OH15 – Lima chapter – should be allowed to re-join BSMA with its old chapter number and name, but with a new charter and new EIN. Friendly amendment (accepted) to require full oversight by the Dept. of OH for 2 years, with audits to be performed twice a year. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:23pm EDT until adjournment)

Announcements

- Next meeting – **none scheduled at this time**
- Inventory of all BSMA materials is needed by the recording secretary. Please prepare a list (email prior to Convention if possible) and bring all BSMA items with you to Convention.

Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 7/12/2012 12:08am EDT.