

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
National Executive Board
Minutes
Pre-Convention Board Meeting
Meeting Date: 7/31/12

Call to Order:

The 7/31/12 Pre-Convention board meeting of the BSMA was held as a face-to-face meeting. The meeting convened at 4:08pm (EDT), President Robin McCarthy presiding and Charilyn Damigo, Recording Secretary. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Members in attendance:

President Robin Barnes-McCarthy	Dept of AZ Pres Rebecca Leatherwood
3 rd Vice President Teresa Bullock	Dept of OH Pres Pat Pell
4 th Vice President Rose Ann Elliott	Dept of MI Pres Kristine Wirgau
Recording Secretary Charilyn Damigo	PNP Karen Stevens
Financial Secretary Anne Parker	Chaplain Gloria Cervantes
Treasurer Julie Roberts	

Absent: Dept of OK Pres Mary Herandy
2nd Vice President Rev. Lin McGee

Excused:

1st Vice President Janet Broussard
PNP Susan Nail
Dept of MN Pres Jean Duane

Also Present:

Anita Wagner
Christine Boyd
Michelle Passwaters
Nancy Rayner
Stacey Huff
Berva Treat
Judy Sinclair-Leczal

Roll Call of Officers -- (Recording Secretary)
Prayer -- (Gloria Cervantes)
Pledge of Allegiance -- (Pat Pell)
Blue Star Mothers Preamble -- (Charilyn Damigo)

Business

Approval of Minutes

- MOTION: Recommendation that the minutes from the 7/1/2012 meeting be accepted and posted to the website. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

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Convention Appointments

- Tellers – MOTION: To accept the following moms as tellers for the convention voting: Sally Botson OH26, Lisa Gwilt MI99, Laura Sutton, AZ6, Sharon Skaro MN1, Linda Kouche SC7. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.
- Alternate Teller – MOTION: To accept Sue Stowe MN7 as an alternate teller if needed to replace Sharon Skaro if needed (Friendly Amendment – Sue is accepted as an alternate for any teller if needed – passed). Motion is seconded and passes on vote.
- Judge – MOTION: To accept PNP Joyce Sanford as judge if she is willing, with PNP Jean Burlingame as alternate judge if Joyce declines. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.
- Spotters – MOTION to appoint Ginger Novak KY5, Christine Boyd CA22, Lisa Ryan NY6 to act as spotters during the Convention. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.
- Timer – MOTION to appoint Marianna Sherman OH32, Beverly Boike MI184 as timers for the Convention. (Friendly amendment to ask the timers to take turns – accepted). Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Convention Rules:

- Convention Rules – MOTION to accept the Convention Rules as read. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.
- Credentials Committee – must be NEB members in case of issues with membership eligibility (done in closed executive session), but other moms can help with registration as needed. MOTION to appoint N1VP, N4VP, NFS, NT as credentials committee. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

BSMA Insurance Coverage

- There is a company working on a quote; PNP Karen is hoping to have a quote before the end of Convention.
- Attorney has advised that any facts relating to this issue can be stated as such.

Pro-Tem 1st VP

- MOTION to accept Cyndi Ventura NY6 as 1st VP pro-tem upon Janet Broussard's excused absence on Friday and Saturday. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Yearbook Update

- Pre-orders can be taken but we should hold the checks until they are actually received.
- Orders from central locations can be delivered by Departments or central locations at a lower cost to the organization.
- Checks sent to Carol Farmer for ad space have not been cashed or received by the Financial Secretary.

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3rd VP

- There have been several problems with the Blue-to-Gold emails. It took 3 different phone calls to 3 different people at MemberClicks to get it fixed. MemberClicks states that it was a problem with their 3rd party vendor. We believe that the problem has been resolved.

4thVP

- OH15 – new charter will have both the original charter date and the current charter date (date after convention 8/4/2012 so it does not affect their delegate status). All of the members will be transferring from OH32.
- VA6 & VA4 – VA 4 is a current chapter in Fredericksburg, VA. Rose Ann received an email from someone in Stafford, VA (did not notify us that she was a current member of VA4) wanting to know what the requirements would be to establish a new chapter and sent all information to establish a new chapter. VA4 believes that the new chapter will be too close in area. The two chapters are in different counties in a large urban area; many other chapters have the same situation and work together well. NP Robin instructed Rose Ann to issue a charter to VA 6.
- AZ1 – Bank will not close accounts unless a signer on the accounts comes in to close them. (Probably is not going to happen because there is only one signer on several of the accounts). IRS will be notified not to continue to work on 1023 form because the chapter has been terminated due to non-compliance.

Financial Secretary

- The accountant is not in agreement with the wording in two sets of minutes (3/10/12 & 3/27/12) regarding the his comments. MOTION: 3/10/12 minutes should be adjusted to read re: PNP Wendy Hoffman's travel that several trips were approved after travel. (strike all wording after that). Motion is seconded and passes on vote.
- MOTION: 3/27/12 minutes should be adjusted to read: "...if we choose not to make these changes he would have to issue a Qualified Opinion." Motion is seconded and passes on vote.
- Recommendation that we scan 7 years' written paperwork (bank statements, etc.) and preserve them digitally rather than paying for shipping them. Decision to be made by new NEB.
- Recommendation that post-convention NEB make a decision on how many old yearbooks should be kept.
- Recommendation that old equipment (printers & laptops) should be destroyed.
- Online store at Convention will be handled just like it was last year – forms available at Convention that will be filled & sent to the member.
- BSMA pins are being made by Weyling Bros. in Detroit without our permission. We need to have an attorney contact them to cease and receive our proceeds. (NEB orders from PinPros as our sole source except for Department pins).

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Treasurer

- All Veterans Affairs checks from Chaplains fund have been mailed.
- No checks for chapter and/or department reimbursements will be given out at convention. These fourth quarter reimbursements will be mailed shortly.

Announcements

Next meeting – Post-Convention meeting 8/2/2012 2:00pm (EDT)

Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm (EDT)