

**WISCONSIN PARK & RECREATION ASSOCIATION
2007 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Kalahari Convention Center
WI Dellos, Wisconsin
Attendance: 42

Wednesday, November 7, 2007
9:30 AM
Parliamentarian: Yvonne Monfils

CALL TO ORDER: The 2007 Annual Business Meeting was called to order by Roger Kist at 9:40 A.M.
**Cyndi Keller had to obtain needed proxies from delegates attending an adjoining educational session to obtain a quorum for the Annual Meeting.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA: Moved by Steve Peterson, second by Kristin Ruprecht, to approve the 2006 Annual Business Meeting Minutes and the Agenda for the 2007 Annual Meeting as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Roger Kist expressed his appreciation in serving the State Association as President in 2007. He thanked the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and WPRA personnel for assisting him in making 2007 a productive year for WPRA. Roger indicated that WPRA was strong and vibrant as we look to 2008, and he related that the new Board would be responding to the results of the ballot regarding Board Governance.

SPECIAL REPORTS: Jim Kavemeier indicated that the Foundation was proud to be an active sponsor of the Annual Conference, as well as providing needed financial support to both students and professionals in our State Association. He indicated that the Foundation was still active in obtaining needed monies through their 42/420 Campaign during the Conference, and encouraged those in attendance to consider stopping by the Foundation booth during the Conference.

Roger indicated that he and Steve Thompson are current Board of Trustees for NRPA and reported that the NRPA Board will be reduced from 70 to 21 over the next three years, and that Steve has just been elected to another three year term. NRPA also approved the creation of a Foundation that was initiated at the Congress in Indianapolis. Roger also reported that the national certification program will be administered at the NRPA Office, (presently the State Associations handle this responsibility).

NEW BUSINESS:

2008 CONFERENCE: Scott and Dawn Comte indicated that plans were well underway for the 2008 Annual Conference & Trade Show in La Crosse, Wisconsin. A special promo will take place at the beginning of the Endnote Session.

2008 BUDGET: Moved by Tim Miller, second by Tom Blotz, to approve the 2008 Budget as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: Moved by Joe McLafferty, second by Lori Williams, to approve the 2008 Legislative Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PARK DISTRICT LEGISLATION: Joe McLafferty announced that the membership overwhelmingly supported the Park District legislation on the 2008 WPRA ballot, and that WPRA was now officially endorsing this legislation.

BYLAW & POLICY REVISIONS: Jim Mattke moved to approve the previously distributed bylaw and policy revisions that were mailed to the membership; second by Justin Casperson. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION RESULTS: 2008 election results were announced as follows:

President-Elect: Marty Kosobucki Region II Rep: Sara King Region IV Rep: Pat Grulke

Moved by Cyndi Keller, second by Dave Jeske, to approve the election results as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INSTALLATION OF 2008 BOARD: Cyndi Keller conducted the installation of officers' ceremony.

2008 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: A special award was presented to Roger Kist for his service as President in 2007. The presidential gavel was passed to Joe McLafferty who briefly commented on his goals for 2008. Joe expressed his appreciation for all the WPRA members who came forward to fill the 2008 Committees, as well as the opportunity to serve WPRA. Joe also commented on the buttons, "Community Fit" that were placed on the tables, and that he would like to make this his personal and WPRA's theme for 2008.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Tim Miller, second by Scott Jaquish, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Thompson, CPRP, Executive Director

