

Association for the Relief of Aged Women
Minutes of the 153rd Annual Meeting – June 11, 2020

President Rosemary Saber called the meeting to order at 11:13 AM.

Members in Attendance (Via Zoom): Bachman, Beaton, Beaulieu, Brooke, Doyle, Ellis, LaFlamme, McKnight, Melo, Natho, O’Connell, Rothschild, Saber, Stankiewicz, Whipple.

Executive Director Clare Healy Foley, Office Administrator Jenny Costa and ARAW Liaison & Beneficiary Advocate Sharon O’Malley also present.

Members Absent: Pinarreta.

Introduction of New Staff: Executive Director Clare Healy Foley introduced Sharon O’Malley as the ARAW Liaison & Beneficiary Advocate. Clare shared how happy we are to have Sharon on board and although Sharon is new to the office, she is not new to the ARAW mission. She is an invaluable addition.

Report of the Clerk: The minutes of the 152nd Annual Meeting, June 13, 2019 were approved with one edit: Maria Pinarreta not Maria Pina in President’s Remarks. SO VOTED.

Moment of Silence: Beneficiary Chair Jo-Ann Beaulieu read the names of beneficiaries who we lost since the last annual meeting, followed by a moment of silence: Miquelina Carvalho, Lorraine Fontes, Rachel Joaquim, Violet King, Hilda Lambert, Marcelina Lopes, Cecilia Mattos, Muriel Mindle, Helen “Bridget” Morrison, Polly Anna Nunes, Rita Robitaille, Mary Rousseau, Dorothy Sylvia and Priscilla Taylor.

History of the Association: Outreach Chair Roseanne O’Connell read a brief history of ARAW written by Rachel Howland on the Association’s 10th anniversary.

Recommendation of the Treasurer: Jeannette Doyle made a motion to retain Burke & Lamb, PC as ARAW’s accounting firm of record. SO VOTED

2020 Sandra Fogg Beneficiary Fund Recipient Announcement: Beneficiary Chair Jo-Ann Beaulieu announced this year’s recipient will be Margaret “Peggi” Medeiros. Peggi has a love for the history of New Bedford. The funds will aid in the process of moving after the sale of her home.

Recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Nominating Chair Rosemary Saber presented the 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs.

A motion to accept the Slate of Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee Members for 2020-2021 with a note to fix the spelling of Maria Pinarreta's was made. SO VOTED

President's Remarks:

Susan Rothschild:

- 1.Thank you to board for plant
- 2.Thank you to Rosemary for taking over as President in March
- 3.Thank you to chairs and board members
- 4.Thank you to Clare for their relationship
5. Thank you to Debbie, Rosemary and Roseanne for all their work in finding a new executive director
- 6.In reading the committee reports, it is wonderful to see all the accomplishments over just the past year. Seems more like a decade.
- 7.In a much different place than a year ago. Shared Roseanne's words, "Did we ever look so good/so accomplished!"
- 8.Great pleasure to serve as president. Onward and upward!

Rosemary Saber:

- 1.Thank you to Susan as she closes out 2 years as President
- 2.Thank you to Jeannette, Roseanne and Jo-Ann for all they have contributed while being chairs
- 3.Lucky to have an all-around engaged board
- 4.Working with the Strategic Plan going forward
- 5.Blessed to have Clare and Jenny, board is proud of their work
- 6.Hoping Sharon is looking forward to the year ahead as part of the team

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Recorded by,

Approved by,

Jenny Costa, Office Administrator

Gale Beaton, Clerk