

AERC General Session Convention Meeting Minutes 3/5/2022

President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 1:20PM.

John Parke acknowledged Diane Leshner and her work with AERC through Equisure for the past 24 years.

A presentation on the AERC Legacy Foundation, (ALF) was given by John Parke. He explained that this supporting organization is separate from AERC with its own Board of Directors. ALF is up and running. The funds will not be used to pay AERC bills but will be used for projects that support AERC. He encourages members to think about helping in fund raising with both small and large donations.

Nick Kohut DVM thanked the office staff and praised them for being helpful and pleasant. He also thanked the three outgoing Board members Michael Campbell, Angie Mikkelsen and Chalice Coward for their dedication while serving on the Board of Directors.

The Regional Board members that were present, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Jessica Cobbley, Gunnar Frank, Bridget Helms, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Garlinghouse DVM, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss, John Parke, Maribel Paulson, Naomi Preston, Lisa Schneider, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Jan Stevens and Vance Stine, were sworn into office by Robert Ribley.

Nick Kohut DVM opened the floor for the nomination of officers. Lisa Schneider made a motion to nominate, Nick Kohut DVM as President, Monica Chapman as Vice President, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith as treasurer and Connie Caudill as secretary. Jan Stevens Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nick Kohut DVM thanked the AERC members for coming to the convention and the general meeting, then he opened the meeting up for questions and comments.

Vance Stine stated that he would like to make a resolution to acknowledge Susan Kasemeyer, which was seconded by Lisa Schneider. John Parke noted that Susan Kasemeyer is the longest serving Board member. This was the first convention meeting that she has not been able to attend since being elected to the Board.

Mollie Krumlaw-Smith responded to one member concerning finances and membership, stating that AERC was in good shape financially, being approximately \$75,000 better condition than pre covid. Membership is slightly higher at this time compared to last year. Deb Moe, who is in control of the Green Bean program within AERC, thanked the Board for supporting the program. Julianne, who is a newer member and professional fund raiser, inquired if AERC had a focus on fund raising? There are several groups that accepts funding including trails, education, research and well as ALF. John Parke conveyed to Julianne that with her skills and professional background that AERC could use her suggestions and energy and requested that she email her contact information to the AERC office, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith or him.

After a few more comments, John Parke made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vance Stine. Motion passed.