



Business Meeting #2 Minutes  
Ikebana International  
North and Central American Regional Conference - Dallas, Texas, USA  
October 30, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:03am CST.

Sandra Prachyl, Conference Co-Host Chair and President, Fort Worth Chapter #38, opened the meeting and asked anyone with a question during the course of the meeting to please raise their hand and wait for someone to bring a microphone to them at which time they should state their name and chapter before asking their question. She then stated that the Standing Rules, adopted at Business Meeting #1, would still be followed at this meeting. There would be no discussion of the resolutions presented at Business Meeting #1.

Sandra announced that Magdalena Tamura-Reid, Business Chair (Toronto Chapter #208), had recused herself from the duties as moderator for this business meeting due to her involvement in the Ikebana Iwaya Fund. She then turned the meeting over to Diana Salansky, immediate Past President of Ikebana International (Honolulu Chapter #56).

Diana thanked Patricia O'Reilly, Conference Chair (Dallas Chapter #13), for all her hard work on the 18th North and Central American Regional Conference over the past 4 years. She also thanked:

Magdalena Tamura-Reid, for contacting chapters and coordinating with Headquarters,  
Stephanie English (Naples Chapter #160), for her NCAR Liaison duties including a newsletter and website,  
the International President and Board of Directors at Headquarters, as well as past presidents, for their dedication, and delegates and chapter members for their dedication and help.

Sandra thanked Diana and then turned the floor over to Karen Murrell (Dallas Chapter #13) to give the Credentials Report as the first order of business.

Karen presented the Credentials Report which stated there were 47 delegates in attendance thereby making the number of votes to reach a two-thirds majority equate to 32.

**MOTION** to approve the Credentials Report was made by Stephanie English and seconded by Ellen Weston (Miami Chapter #131). The motion passed unanimously.

Sandra moved on to the next point of business which was to approve the Minutes from Business Meeting #1 held on October 29, 2019.

**MOTION** to approve the Minutes from Business Meeting #1, with a correction to be made to the Credentials Report indicating an increase in the number of delegates present from 45 to 47, was made by Susan Cano (Asheville Chapter #74) and seconded by Jo Ellen Budnick (Rochester Chapter #53). The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was to approve the formation of, and appointment of individuals to serve on, the Minutes Approval Committee. Magdalena Tamura-Reid, Business Chair (Toronto Chapter #208), appointed David Staats (Madison Chapter #28), Stephanie Tomiyasu (Kamakura Chapter #51), Patricia O'Reilly (Dallas Chapter #13), and Stephanie English (Naples Chapter #160) as members of the committee.

**MOTION** to approve David Staats, Stephanie Tomiyasu, Patricia O'Reilly, and Stephanie English as members of the Minutes Approval Committee was made by Debbie Kopinski (New York Chapter #7) and seconded by Elizabeth Cheslock (Detroit Chapter #85). The motion passed unanimously.

As a follow-up to the discussion about Resolution #1 at Business Meeting #1, Stephanie English clarified that the resolution is not intended to eliminate each chapter's liaison reporting directly to I. I. Headquarters or disseminating information to chapter members.

Sandra Prachyl then informed the delegates that, after conferring with the Ikebana International President and Board of Directors, it was determined that Resolution #1 (*Expanding NCAR Liaison Function*) should not be presented as a resolution. Instead, it should be a motion since it only affects the North and Central American Region.

**MOTION** to establish a North and Central American Regional communications committee was made by Stephanie English and seconded by Ellen Weston. Before the vote, a question was raised by Cecilia Barnett (St. Louis Chapter #3) concerning how communications would flow between the regional liaisons and chapters. Sandra responded that chapter presidents and liaisons would receive information and be the ones to distribute it to chapter members by telephone or email. Shelley Galloway (Chicago Chapter #27) followed with a question concerning the length of term that a regional liaison would serve. Susan Cano responded that it would be until the next Regional Conference. Magdalena Tamura-Reid clarified that this new concept of the NCAR Liaison Committee is a work in progress and any member input would be greatly appreciated. By a vote count of 47 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstaining, a majority was met, and the motion passed.

**MOTION** to read Resolution #2 (*Acknowledging Donations in Sakura News*) aloud was made by Deborah Dickinson (Philadelphia Chapter #71) and seconded by Diana Salansky. Patricia O'Reilly proceeded to read the resolution to the delegates after which a vote for approval of the resolution was called. By a vote count of 46 Yes, 0 No, and 1 Abstaining, a majority was met, and Resolution #2 was approved.

**MOTION** to read Resolution #3 (*Nominating Committee Member Not Disallowed as Officer Nominee*) aloud was made by Deborah Dickinson and seconded by Diana Salansky. Elizabeth Biddle (Washington DC Chapter #1) proceeded to read the resolution to the delegates after which a vote for approval of the resolution was called. By a vote count of 45 Yes, 1 No, and 1 Abstaining, a majority was met, and Resolution #3 was approved.

Susan Cano (Asheville Chapter #74) nominated Magdalena Tamura-Reid as the NCAR Liaison Chairperson and Stephanie English as the NCAR Communications Chairperson. No other nominations were submitted from the floor. Both nominations passed by acclamation.

Deborah Dickinson gave a presentation to the delegates in support of the bid by Philadelphia Chapter #71 to be the hosting chapter for the next NCAR Conference. After the presentation, Miho Okawara, International President, Ikebana International, asked a question about the dates proposed for the conference. Deborah indicated that the proposed dates are April 30 – May 4, 2023 which would meet the required six months before or after a World Convention. Susan Cano asked a question about why the date was only 4 years apart instead of the recent normal sequence of 5 years. Deborah mentioned that Regional Conferences could be anywhere from 2 to 5 years apart, and it is up to the hosting chapter to decide. Since no other chapter submitted a bid to host the next NCAR Conference, a vote was taken to accept the bid by Philadelphia Chapter #71. The vote to approve passed unanimously.

Additional business:

**MOTION** by Susan Cano to require all NCAR chapters to distribute all NCAR correspondence and emails to their entire membership in a timely manner in order to facilitate communications among all chapters and their chapter members. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Cheslock (Detroit Chapter #85). Jean Storck (Charlotte Chapter #49) questioned whether all members could receive emails. Susan clarified that the motion focuses on distribution of incoming information, and a chapter could handle that in a way best suited to its membership. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** by Stephanie English that all chapters be required to send copies of their chapter election officer forms to Ikebana International Headquarters as well as to the NCAR Communications Chair and their respective regional liaison in order to insure that NCAR liaisons have timely and accurate contact information for all chapters. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Biddle. Cecilia Barnett questioned whether delegates could receive a copy of the additional motions. Stephanie clarified that she would be sending copies of all approved motions directly to chapter presidents. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia O'Reilly announced a final conference fundraiser of airline tickets to Japan would be raffled off at the Sayonara Dinner. Tickets would be \$10 each.

Sandra closed the meeting by thanking all of the delegates for attending and representing their chapters and helping take care of the business of the NCAR Conference.

**MOTION** to adjourn was made at 8:57am CST by Brenda Seaver (Fort Worth Chapter #38) and seconded by Elizabeth Biddle. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Ryan, Recording Secretary

Attachments to Approved Minutes:

Credentials Report - Business Meeting #2

Addendum – Minutes Approval Committee - Corrections/Clarifications to Business Meeting #2 Minutes

MINUTES APPROVED: (November 26, 2019 at 4:37pm EST) by Minutes Approval Committee



ADDENDUM

Minutes Approval Committee  
Corrections/Clarifications to Business Meeting #2 Minutes

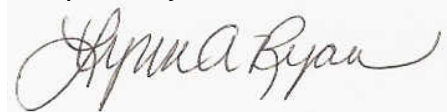
WHEREAS final approval of the Business Meeting #2 minutes from the 18th North and Central American Regional Conference is the responsibility of the Minutes Approval Committee, it hereby determines that certain corrections and clarifications should be made to said minutes, and directs the Recording Secretary for said Conference to attach an Addendum to the approved minutes from Business Meeting #2.

The following corrections should be made:

CORRECTION on page 2, fifth paragraph that begins “Sandra Prachyl...”, the first sentence should have the words “the Ikebana International President and Board of Directors” replaced with “Stephanie Tomiyasu, Conference Parliamentarian”, and

CORRECTION on page 2, sixth paragraph that begins MOTION to establish...”, the first sentence should have the words “communications committee” replaced with “Liaison Committee”.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Ryan, Recording Secretary, 18th NCAR Conference

On behalf of, and with written authorization from,  
David Staats, Chairperson  
Minutes Approval Committee

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DELEGATES

Date: Oct 30

Checked-in	Chapter	First	Last
✓	Albuquerque #41	Royalene	McDonald
✓	Asheville #74	Susan	Cano
✓	Atlanta #265	Ruthelen	Williamson
✓	Baltimore #118	Reiko	Royston
✓	Boston #17	Joanne	Caccavale
✓	Boston #17	Teresa	Silverman
✓	Charlotte #49	Jean	Storck
✓	Chicago #27	Shelley	Galloway
✓	Colorado Springs #95	Sharon	Schriner
✓	Columbia #182	Valerie	Marcil
✓	Dallas #13	Nancy	Griggs
✓	Denver #66	Elisabeth	Rabito
✓	Detroit #85	Elizabeth	Cheslock
✓	Fort Worth #38	Brenda	Seaver
✓	Harrisburg #18	Ellen	Kelley
✓	Honolulu #56	Gail	Atwater
✓	Honolulu #56	Diana	Salansky
✓	Houston #12 <i>Barbara</i>	<i>Nanako</i>	Tingleaf
✓	Madison #28	David	Staats
✓	Memphis Bamboo #44	Julie	Wilson
✓	Miami #131	Ellen	Weston
✓	Middle Georgia #112	Jho Ju	Tu
✓	Milwaukee #22	Helen	Surrudge
✓	Minneapolis-St. Paul #121	Anne-Lise	Whitescarver

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Checked-in	Chapter	First	Last
✓	Monterey Bay #231	Fran	Milford
✓	Naples #160	Stephanie	English
✓	New York #7	Beverly	Hashimoto
✓	New York #7	Debbie	Kopinski
✓	Omaha #60	Marilyn	Hoskins
✓	Orlando-Winter Park #132	Irene	Gomulka
✓	Panama City #257	Pilar	Pravia Hasebe
✓	Philadelphia #71	Deborah	Dickinson
✓	Philadelphia #71	Donna	Eroh-Rothstein
✓	Pittsburgh #25	Mary	Reynolds
✓	Rochester #53	Jo Ellen	Budnick
✓	San Antonio #46	Sherry	Barwick
✓	San Francisco Bay #31	Alka	Bhargava
✓	San Francisco Bay #31	Sandra	Hatcher
✓	Sarasota #115	Patricia	Bonarek
✓	Seattle #19	Janice	Franett
✓	St. Louis #3	Cecilia	Barnett
✓	St. Petersburg #65	Aimee	Jackson
✓	Sun Cities #167	Carol	Brecker
✓	Toronto #208	Maina	Choy
✓	Washington #1	Elizabeth	Biddle
✓	Washington #1	Urusula	Kondo
✓	Washington #1	Bette	Lewis
✓	Winston-Salem #63	Carol	Cook

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