



**Business Meeting #2
Minutes**

19th North and Central American Regional Conference
Philadelphia
October 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME REMARKS

The I.I. NCAR Business Meeting #2 was called to order by Co-Host NCARC, Debbie Dickinson at 7:32 am EDT. (The President of the Host Chapter, Jane Shaw, was ill and unable to preside.)

The Co-Host welcomed those attending and introduced Ms. Chisato Obikane, 1st Vice-President, International Board, Ikebana International for remarks.

Ms. Obikane felt honored to participate in this meeting and thanked President Host Chapter, Jane Shaw, and Co-Host NCARC, Debbie Dickinson, for the wonderful conference.

She had hoped to be in attendance at Business Meeting #1, but listed the members of the International Board that did attend.

- Second Vice-President Reiko Inumaru
- Third Vice-President Hiroko Otsuka
- Recording Secretary Hanako Sato
- Development Director Mikie Arai
- Nomination Director Kimie Yanagisawa
- Protocol Director Tomiko Uesato

In her remarks, Ms. Obikane mentioned I.I. Headquarters' consideration to the proposals outlined in Resolutions, 4, 6, 7, 8, finding it helpful as constructive feedback for the future of I.I. All resolutions will be considered at the next International Board meeting in November and the NCAR will be notified accordingly.

BUSINESS MEETING COMMITTEE

The Business Meeting Co-Chair, Magdalena Tamura-Reid (NCAR Advocate Chair), welcomed and thanked all for their attendance. Introductions of the Business Meeting Committee were then made:

- Parliamentarian Judi Bowes (San Diego #119)
- Recording Secretary Elizabeth Biddle (Washington DC #1)
- Timekeeper Mary Jane Sasser (Washington DC #1)
- Minutes Approval Chair Ginger Truschke (San Diego #119)
- Tellers Deb Miesel (Naples #160)
 Elaine Sigler (Ottawa #120)

She then reviewed the Protocol Rules for the meeting to the Business Committee members, Advocates and Delegates.

QUORUM

Teller, Elaine Sigler (Ottawa #120) gave the Credentials Report which consisted of 42 Delegates from 38 Chapters and 14 Alternates. The Quorum set forth in the Standing Rules was more than half of the official Delegates attending the meeting.



Elaine Sigler moved to approve the Credentials Report.

MOTION: It is moved that the Credentials Report be approved as presented.
It was seconded by: Marilyn Hoskins (Omaha #60)
With no objections, the Credentials Report was adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ginger Truschke (San Diego #119) put forth the motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

MOTION: It is moved the Delegates approve the Agenda for Business Meeting #2 emailed on October 9, 2024.
It was seconded by: Karen Napoli (Rochester #53)
With no objections, the agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING #1 (September 28, 2024)

Secretary, Elizabeth Biddle (Washington DC #1) put forth the motion to approve the Minutes of Business Meeting #1.

MOTION: It is moved the Delegates approve the Minutes for Virtual Business Meeting #1 as corrected and presented.
It was seconded by: Amira Matsuda, (Dallas #13)

The only correction was the date in the header of the minutes. The September 28, 2019 date was corrected to September 28, 2024 per Jan Wolfe, (Colorado Springs #95).

There being no further corrections to the minutes, the minutes stood approved as corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES COMMITTEE FOR BUSINESS MEETING #2 (October 16, 2024)

Ann Perry (Philadelphia #71) put forth the motion to approve the “Minutes Committee” for Business Meeting #2.

MOTION: It is moved the Delegates approve the Minutes Committee consisting of Ginger Truschke (San Diego #119), Debbie Dickinson (Philadelphia #71), Sue Schmidt (Sun Cities #167), and Elaine Sigler (Ottawa #120) to read and approve the minutes from Business Meeting #2 before November 6, 2024.
It was seconded by: Lidia Villalobos (Mexico City #228)
Since there were no objections, the Minutes Committee was adopted.

I.I. NCAR ADVOCATE TERM REPORT 2019-2024

The Co-Chair introduced, Stephanie English (Naples #160), I.I. NCAR Advocate & Communications Chair, to present the I.I. NCAR Advocate Term Report 2019-2024. The report was presented as a video. (See video [here.](#))

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vote on Resolutions

There were nine Resolutions being voted on in this meeting. All Resolutions were previously presented and discussed in I.I. NCAR Business Meeting # 1. For



brevity, the Co-Chair suggested the Resolutions be presented by dispensing with the reading of the preamble in each.

Sue Schmidt (Sun Cities #167) put forth the following motion:

MOTION: Resolutions presented for vote by their sponsors will dispense reading of the preamble and read the RESOLVED portion with the statement saying “I move for the adoption of this resolution.”

Seconded by Amy Huck, (Harrisburg #18)

There were no objections, the motion was approved.

Each Resolution was presented by Resolution No, Title and reading of the RESOLVED portion, followed by “I move for adoption of this resolution.”

Delegates were asked to use the ballot cards given out and to raise them high for counting when requested. Each Delegate was instructed to vote only once for each motion by raising their card:

- Yes, to approve or consent to the motion
- No, to disapprove or oppose the motion
- Abstain

All numbers below include proxy votes received by October 9, 2024 deadline.

NOTE: The final vote count for all the resolutions for “In Favor” is one less than reported at the meeting due to miscount of the proxy votes submitted on October 9, 2024.

I = International Resolutions

No	Topic	Sponsor	Delegate
1	Establishing “Chapter Ambassadors” to Liaise with NCAR APPROVED In Favor: 46; Opposed: 4; Abstained: 1	Asheville #74	Candy Gallaher
2	Elected Directors Form and Membership Data Shared with NCAR Advocate Committee APPROVED In Favor: 48; Opposed: 3; Abstained: 0	Harrisburg #18	Amy Huck
3	Funding NCAR Advocate Committee by Chapters APPROVED In Favor: 51; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0	Portland #47	Nana Bellerud
I-4	Establishing a Virtual Chapter APPROVED In Favor: 45; Opposed: 5; Abstained: 1	Sun Cities #167	Sue Schmidt & Individual Members
5	Establish Sub-Area Conferences APPROVED In Favor: 31; Opposed: 17; Abstained: 3	Rochester #53	Karen Napoli



I-6	HQ to Meet with Advocates and Provide Membership Data APPROVED In Favor: 41; Opposed: 6; Abstained: 4	San Diego #119	Ginger Truschke
I-7	Extending Viewing Period of I.I. HQ New Year Luncheon Video APPROVED In Favor: 48; Opposed: 1; Abstained: 2	Naples #160	Sue Pigman
I-8	I.I. HQ Annual General Meeting to be Streamed and Recorded APPROVED In Favor: 45; Opposed: 3; Abstained: 3	St. Petersburg #65	Holly Wainwright
9	Election of NCAR Advocate 2.0 Committee APPROVED In Favor: 51; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0	Fort Worth #38	Sandra Prachyl

OTHER BUSINESS

Stephanie English (Naples #160) made the motion to call for a Good of the Order for 15 minutes.

MOTION: Call for Good of the Order for anyone wishing to make comments for 1 minute.

The motion was seconded by: Nana Bellerud (Portland #47)

There were no objections, the motion was approved.

Minutes of the Good of the Order were dispensed so that all may speak freely.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Request for photos of Advocates, Iwaya Board and Individual Members at the end of the meeting.

NCAR is still seeking a chapter or chapters to host the 20th NCARC. Please give consideration to this request.

ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Dickinson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Candy Gallaher (Asheville #74) put forth the motion to adjourn.

MOTION: I move that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded by: Ellen Weston (Miami #131)

There were no objections to the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM.

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Completed Teller Form
- Delegate List



Agenda Business Meeting #2

19TH NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT, October 16, 2024

7:30	Call to Order by Co-Host Chapter President	Jane Shaw
7:32	Welcome remarks by NCARC Chair	Debbie Dickinson
7:35	Remarks by 1st Vice-President Ikebana International	Chisato Obikane
7:40	Meeting Protocol Chair	Magdalena Tamura-Reid
7:44	Introduction of Business Committee	
	Parliamentarian	Judi Bowes
	Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Biddle
	Timekeeper	Mary Jane Sasser
	Minutes Approval Chair	Ginger Truschke
	Tellers	Deb Miesel, Elaine Sigler
7:46	Confirmation of Quorum	Dev Miesel
7:48	Adoption of Agenda	Gail Newman
7:52	Approval of Minutes of Business Meeting #1	Elizabeth Biddle
7:55	Approval of “Minutes Committee” for Business Meeting #2	Delegates
7:58	ADVOCATE COMMITTEE REPORT	Stephanie English
8:08	UNFINISHED BUSINESS - <i>VOTE on RESOLUTIONS</i>	
	1. Chapter Ambassador to Liaise with NCAR	Asheville #74 Candy Gallaher
	2. Elected Directors Form & Membership Data for NCAR	Harrisburg #18 Amy Huck
	3. NCAR Advocate Funding by Chapters	Portland #47 Nana Bellerud
	4. Establishing a Virtual Chapter *	Sun Cities #167 Sue Schmidt
	5. Sub-Area Conferences	Rochester #53 Karen Napoli
	6. HQ to Meet with Advocates; Provide Membership Data*	San Diego #119 Ginger Truschke
	7. Extending Viewing Period of I.I. HQ New Year *	Naples #160 Sue Pigman
	8. I.I. HQ AGM Streaming and/or Recorded*	St. Petersburg Holly Wainwright
	9. Election of NCAR Advocate Committee	Fort Worth #38 Sandra Prachyl
	<i>* International Resolution</i>	
8:53	Other Business	Magdalena Tamura-Reid
8:58	Adjournment	Jane Shaw



I.I. NCAR Business Meeting #2
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Resolution Teller Form

1 Chapter Ambassador to Liaise with NCAR					
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	39	3	0	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	7	1	1	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	46	4	1	

2 Elected Directors Form and Membership Data Shared with NCAR					
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	40	2	0	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	8	1	0	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	48	3	0	

3 Funding NCAR Advocate Committee					
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	42	0	0	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	9	0	0	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	51	0	0	

4 Establishing a Virtual Chapter					
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	37	5	0	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	8	0	1	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	45	5	1	

5 Sub-Area Conferences					
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	24	15	2	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	7	2	0	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	31	17	3	

6 HQ to Meet with Advocates and Provide Membership Data					
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	33	6	3	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	8	0	1	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	41	6	4	



7	Extending Viewing Period of I.I. HQ New Year Luncheon Video				
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	40	1	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	8	0	1	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	48	1	2	

8	I.I. HQ Annual General Meeting to be Streamed and Recorded				
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	38	3	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	7	0	2	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	45	3	3	

9	Election of NCAR Advocate 2.0				
		In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	
	DELEGATES	42	0	0	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved
	PROXY VOTES	9	0	0	<input type="radio"/> Failed
	TOTAL	51	0	0	



NCARC DELEGATES
Business Meeting #2

Chapter	Delegate
Ann Arbor #183	Liz Larwa
Asheville #74	Candy Gallaher
Atlanta #265	Donna Scott
Boston #17	Tomoko Tanaka
Chicago #27	Shelley Galloway
Cleveland #20	Bert Nero
Colorado Springs #95	Jan Wolfe
Columbia #182	Sandra Pait
Columbus #84	Jan Stein
Dallas #13	Amira Matsuda
Denver #66	Beth Nelson
Detroit #85	Leslie Ann Rosinski
Fort Worth #38	Sandra Prachyl
Harrisburg #18	Amy Huck
Honolulu #56	Barbara Tinius
Houston #12	Shirley Bludau
Lansing #134	Cristy Lee Bennett
Madison #28	Judy Rowell
Memphis Bamboo #44	Susan McCloy
Mexico City #228	Lidia Villalobos
Miami #131	Ellen Weston
Milwaukee #22	Lynn Laufenberg
Minneapolis-St. Paul #121	Anne Lise Whitescarver
Naples #160	Sue Pigman
New York #7	Roxane Wasserman
New York #7	Deobrah Kopinski
Omaha #60	Marilyn Hoskins
Orlando-Winter Park #132	Michael Beedenbender
Ottawa Centennial #120	Anne Breau
Philadelphia #71	Anne Perry
Philadelphia #71	Marcia Borel
Pittsburgh #25	Lauren Mangino
Portland #47	Nana Bellerud
Rochester #53	Karen Napoli
San Diego #119	Ginger Truscke



St. Andrew #156	Myrtle Halssall
St. Petersburg #65	Holly Wainwright
Sun Cities #167	Sue Schmidt
Toronto #208	Margaret Taylor
Washington DC #1	Avis Black
Washington DC #1	Diana Cull
Washington DC #1	Megan Leader

Chapters Voting by Proxy

Baltimore #118
Baton Rouge #42
Dayton #33
Monterey Bay #231
San Francisco #31
Sarah P Duke #264
Seattle #19
Tacoma-Olympia #147
Traverse City #165

Qualified for Proxy Vote

Sacramento #26
San Antonio #46

Did not Participate

Albuquerque #41
Augusta #81
Bermuda #180
Charlotte #49
Fayetteville #140
Jefferson County #137
Middle Georgia #112
Mobile #164
Montreal #155
New Orleans #97
Panama City #257
Sacramento #26
San Antonio #46
Sarasota #115
St. Louis #3
Wilmington #212