

NORTH DAKOTA NATIVE TOURISM ALLIANCE
SPECIAL ELECTIONS MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2020
Phone Conference
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Board of Directors Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

(During the February 4, 2020 BOD meeting – Board approved the amended By-Laws and scheduled a “Special Annual Board of Directors Election to be held February 24, 2020 at 10:am via conference call.

1. Call To Order
 - a. Meeting Called to order at 10:10 am by President Les Thomas

2. Roll Call To Determine A Quorum (Three Tribes needed) – Quorum Established.
 - a. **Present:** Les Thomas- President, Turtle Mountain Band
Darian Morsette -Vice-President, MHA Nation
Jason Morsette- Board Member, MHA Nation
Gary Snow, Alternate, MHA
Doug Sevigny, Board Member, Spirit Lake Nation

 - b. **NOT Present:**
Jen Martel – Board Member - Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Selena LaFontaine – Board Member - Turtle Mountain Band – Excused
Colette Brown – Board Member - Spirit Lake Nation - Excused
Tamara St. John – Board Member – Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

 - c. **Alternates BODs**
Gary Snow – MHA

 - d. **NDNTA Advisory Committee Members**
Stacey LaCompte – George Washington University (Present to take minutes in the absence of Secretary due to family funeral)

3. Opening Prayer by Jason Morsette

4. Agenda Review (any conflict with agenda)
Not acknowledged or addressed for conflict with agenda.

5. Approval of Agenda
Darian Morsette made a motion to approve the agenda. Doug Sevigny seconded the motion. Unanimous approval from all present.

a. **Special Board Agenda Topics:**

i. New Board Member: Barb Little Owl – SRST

1. After discussion on request for Barb Little Owl to be approved as a new board member for SRST, it was decided to table this agenda item until Barb is present to provide Board with her background / history. Jason M. stated: “We don’t know who she is and need her to be present”. Jason moved to table this agenda topic to the next regular board meeting. Doug seconded. Unanimous approval from all present.

ii. By-Laws

1. Article IV – Board of Directors: Section 3:

- a. Discussion was held on the Secretary/Treasurer position as separate positions and recommend amendments to the By Laws to keep as one position.
- b. Darian stated “Our organization is not big enough of an organization to have two position and it’s the same people from each tribe at each meeting” “We will have to move all of our documents / organizational set up for this” “we would like to see the minutes from July 24th and recorded information as we don’t recall the what was stated”
- c. Stacey advised the Board that we would send out the July 24th minutes attached to these minutes notes. Also recommended, was to hold this amendment to the By Laws until Selena (currently combined Sec/Treas.) can provide input and recommendations. Stacey added the combined position takes a lot of time for a volunteer Sec/Treas. This position consumes a lot of Selena’s volunteer time and it would be helpful to have assistance from other Board members with the administrative work.

2. Article VI – Meetings: Section 4:

- a. Reminded the Board that this section was tabled for future recommendations.

iii. Elections of Officers

PRESIDENT:

- a. Doug S. nominated Les T. as President and called for nomination cease.
- b. Stacey reiterated the By Laws: Article IV: Board of Directors: Section 1: “Each Director of the Board shall serve a two year term to be staggered following the initial Two Year terms.
 - i. Discussion was held on the staggered terms to amend by laws. Comments and Discussion was held on this position it should be with the Tribal Tourism departments – not all tribes have one. Only 3 Tribes have a Tourism Director -the rest don’t have anything.
 - ii. Doug stated that included in the by laws it states “And can be reappointed by a majority vote of the Board”.
- c. Discussion was held on nomination and nomination cease.

- i. Board advised that the motions need to be separate.
- Doug S. nominated Les T. as President – Jen seconded: . Unanimous approval from all present.
- Doug S. made a motion for nomination cease – Darian M seconded. Unanimous approval from all present.

VICE - PRESIDENT:

- a. Doug S. nominated Darian M. as Vice-President. Les T. seconded. Unanimous approval from all present. Darian abstained.

SECRETARY:

- a. Doug S. nominated Selena F. as Secretary. Les T. seconded. Unanimous approval from all present. Note: Selena excused absent although, acknowledged acceptance for position in previous communications with the board – VIA FB: NDNTA Board.

TREASURER:

- a. Les T. nominated Jason M. Doug S. seconded. Jason declined.
- b. Jason nominated Doug S. as Treasurer. Darian M. seconded. Unanimous approval from all present. Doug accepted the position

MEMBER AT LARGE:

- a. Jason M nominated Jen M. as Member at Large. Les T. seconded. Unanimous approval from all present.

Discussion Held:

- Next regular scheduled monthly meeting – March 3rd: Review by-laws for recommended amendments. After by laws amended – call for a special elections on Secretary / Treasurer.

6. Adjournment

- i. Jason made a motion to adjoin the meeting at 10:36 am. Doug seconded. Unanimous approval from all present.

Next scheduled meeting March 3, 2020

Meeting Notes Respectfully submitted and reported by Stacey LaCompte in absence of Selena L. Secretary / Treasurer.