

RSDAA General Meeting

RSD Auditorium

October 4, 2003

Call to order: 2:30pm

Attendance: Board Members: Patti Canne, John Dixon, Mark Walters, Dorothy M. Wilkins, Marie Janosko, Roni DeWindt and Pamela Conley (Parliamentarian)

Absent: Bill Heacock and Ritchie Fisher

Number of Alumni people at General Meeting: 34

**Necrology/Moment of Silence**

March 26, 2002 – Elizabeth (Locke) “Betty” Dresser, 1941

May 29, 2002 – Victorine (DeFrank) Beyer, 1932

October 30, 2002 – Kisha Sullivan, 1995

October 31, 2002 – Leon Purdy, 1979

December 11, 2002 – Tom L. Pickett, 1966

December 24, 2002 – Lyle F. Zeches

May 15, 2003 – William “Bill” Turner

May 19, 2003 – Robert J. Hughes, 1948

June 8, 2003 – Edward Sherbert, 1946

II. Approval of Minutes of the last General meeting (October 6, 2001)

The minutes from October 6, 2001 has been accepted as corrected.

III. Officers’ Reports:

**President’s Report: (Patti Canne)**

1. Introduced the Board members, Social Event Committee members, and Standing Committee members. President Canne applauded the members for their hard work, patience, and their commitment for attending board meetings for the last two years. \*wave hands to them!\*

2. Last Two years: President Canne explained to the alumni what we, the board members, have done for the past two years:
  - a. Board members have learned some learning experience, for example:
  - b. Parliamentary procedures aren't in order.
  - c. Alternate Board members were utilized, but having the alternate members were not mentioned in the bylaws.
  - d. Other feedback/comments from the past board members or alumnae/alumnus who might confuse the board members with the Bylaws or Standing Rules
  - e. Several social events were cancelled due to many conflicts with other organizations in the Rochester area.
  - f. Accomplishments: We completed our past cases and cleaned the business from the previous term, for example:
    1. Eve's Lotto: We investigated and closed Eve's Lotto. We sent out the letters to subscribers to inform that Eve's Lotto is closed for good. We asked them if they wanted to get their money back or donate the money to RSDAA. Most of them had donated their refunds to RSDAA and only 3 made requests for their refunds.
    2. Important Files: We sorted out many important files from the past and typed up important information such as a list of past presidents of RSDAA, a list of names for honorary memberships. Awards for Hall of Fame, Minutes, and files of Standing Committee reports. Many files were missing in the past and now we have completed most of the old business issues. They are well-organized and put in file cabinet for the future board members.
    3. By-Laws Committee: We encountered many complicated and frustrating experience with the Committee. It took a lot of effort and energy for the board members to work together, understand and enforce the Bylaws. Parliamentary procedures and standing committees were set up to make the meetings run smoothly regardless to some difficulty issues that we were facing in the board meeting. The Bylaws committee members were Pamela Conley, chair, George Canne, Robert Bohli, Paula Wollenhaupt and Lisa DeWindt-Sommer. They worked hard on revising or making changes on the 2003 Bylaw policies. They were getting a lot of feedback from the Board members as well as Alumni to make the best 2003 Bylaws as possible. The committee members were expecting to do more revisions after the General Meeting. Please hand wave for their hard work!
    4. Newsletter: The committee members were Mary Kay Reynolds, editor, Nancy Cantabene and Vincent Cantabene. They took over when Gail Smithski and Dina Zeplin resigned from the Newsletter Committee. The subscription fee has increased due to the bulk postage and costs of printing. Mary Kay designed postcards for Renewals. Please give "wave hands" to these committee members for their dedication. By the way, the new email address for the Newsletter is [RSDAANewsletter@aol.com](mailto:RSDAANewsletter@aol.com)

5. Other old reports or unfinished business from the past: The present board members had been patient with President Canne when closing different cases.
6. Donations:
  - a. Donated \$1,000 to the RSD Library to update book collections when Peggy Jennings (RSD Alumni and Librarian) made a request.
  - b. Donated money to some RSD students to attend Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) and Camp Mark Seven and other camps.
  - c. Donated \$100 for Kisha Sullivan's son's trust fund. Kisha Sullivan (1995 Alumni) was murdered last year.
  - d. Donated \$150 to Advocacy Services for Deaf Abused Victims (ASADV) Family Fun Day as a fundraising event.
7. Website: Matt Sacco (1983 Alumni) designed a website for us at no cost. The purpose of the website is for RSDAA members to use and advertise flyers, events, put comments, and post information about Bylaws and Constitutions and History of RSD. The website can be seen now at [www.rsdAA.org](http://www.rsdAA.org) It is still under construction and should be done soon.

**IV: Actions needed to be done for the new term Officers:**

- a) Develop guidelines for each Standing committee
- b) New House collections
- c) Get a Tax ID exemption number: RSDAA needs to get its own number
- d) Find strategies to raise money such as fundraising instead of having social events due to schedule conflict with other organizations in the Rochester area
- e) Two important events: Plans for RSDAA's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in June 2004 and RSD's 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2006

**Vice President's Report: (Ritchie Fisher)**

No report

**Treasurer's Report: (John Dixon)**

1. Treasurer's Report from August 17, 2003 to September 16, 2003 audited by Chuck DiVincenzo, Elbert Hamilton and Paula Wollenhaupt was accepted as corrected.
2. Treasurer showed report on checking account (see attachment):
  - a. October 2001                      \$ 6,235.02

- b. January 2002                      \$ 9,195.83
- c. April 2002                         \$ 8,677.54
- d. August 2002                        \$ 9,110.09
- e. November 2002    \$ 8,557.66
- f. March 2003                         \$ 8,393.47
- g. June 2003                          \$ 8,599.14

3. Treasurer showed report on savings account (see attachment):

- a. October 2001                        \$ 2,233.86
- b. October 2003                        \$ 2,376.39

MOTION: John Dixon made a motion that RSDAA put \$4,000 in Certificate in Deposit.

Seconded. **PASSED**

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**A. Bylaw Committee: Pamela Conley, Chair**

- 1. Pam sent a letter to all the alumni along with the attachment of the update Constitutions in mail (see attachment)
- 2. The discussion of each Article/Section of the Constitutions:

Article 1. Name accepted

Article 2. Objects accepted

Article 3. Membership accepted

Change the spellings: alumnus/alumnae

Section 1-F: Add "The only exception will be for a superintendent who is alumnus/alumnae of the school and shall be covered by Article III, Section A:

MOTION: Colleen Kazragis made a motion that we accept Article III with the revisions as corrected. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Article IV: Nomination

MOTION: Colleen Kazragis made a motion that the Article IV: Nomination: all section goes to the Standing Rules. Seconded. **PASSED.**

NOTE: The board shall select ONE parliamentarian for the full term. Bylaws Committee is responsible to hold/protect our Bylaws and Constitutions and Standing Rules.

Article V: Directors

MOTION: Colleen Kazragis made a motion that Article V: Directors with the change/revision of Section 1- delete the whole section, Section 2 – delete “composed of ten members (as it now from 16) elected for 8 years change to 4 years. Section 4: delete proxy. Seconded. Passed.

AMENDMENT: George Canne amended 5 board members including officers in Section 2 and served every five (5) years. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Article VI: Duties of Officers

Change all the words of alumnae/alumnus

Motion: Colleen Kazragis made a motion to omit “act as parliamentarian” in Section 3. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Motion: Pam Conley made a motion that the tellers move to the Standing Rules From “the elections” From Article IV: Duties of Officers: Section 1. Seconded. Passed.

MOTION: Virginia Nagel moved that Section 2 to Section 6 be moved to the Bylaws. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Article VII: Meeting

Change from 4 years to every 5 years.

Article VIII: Amendment accepted.

Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order (newly revised)

MOTION: Pam Conley made a motion that Robert Rules of Order (newly revised) be used and the President selects the parliamentarian in the board meetings and the General Meeting. SECONDED. **PASSED.**

3. The discussion on Bylaws:

Article I: Amendments accepted as corrected.

5 board members served for every five years.

Article II: Duties of Officers

Article III: Standing Committees:

MOTION: Chris Playford made a motion to move Section F and G (omitted the Board members) under Section II, President appointed the members involving the Committee. **SECONDED. PASSED.**

MOTION: Pam Conley made a motion to add Article II: Duties of Officers and

Article III: Standing Committee. **SECONDED. PASSED.**

Article V: Dues Accepted as corrected.

(Confusion due to distribution of fee. Subscription and membership shall be separate).

Article VI: Benefits of Membership

MOTION: Joe DiGennaro made a motion to remove Section 1A of this Article. **SECONDED.**

**PASSED.**

Article VII: Accepted

Article VIII: Business Meeting

#2 Necrology/Moment of Silence move to Announcements

MOTION: Colleen Kazragis made a motion to add Communications to #4 (Officer's Reports). **SECONDED. PASSED.**

MOTION: Pam Conley made a motion to move Business Meeting to the Standing Rules.

**SECONDED. PASSED.**

MOTION: Colleen Kazragis made a motion to add the Standing Rules:

Section 1. No funds shall be raised or solicited on behalf of RSDAA without any consent of the Board.

Section 2. No meetings or forums shall be held on behalf of RSDAA without any consent of the Board. **SECONDED. PASSED.**

MOTION: Pam Conley made a motion to have the Constitutions and Bylaws effective e as of now And accept this as a whole package. **SECONDED. PASSED.**

MOTION: Pam Conley made a motion to have the new board members serve 6 months starting today to June 2004 as old members' terms expire today. **SECONDED. PASSED.**

MOTION: Pam Conley made a motion to have the new Constitutions and Bylaws be posted on the RSDAA Website. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Corey Englert amended to have the new Constitutions and Bylaws be mailed out by June 2004. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Peter Simpkins made a motion that the alumni elected the officers after dinner. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Virginia Nagel applauded the Bylaws committee for their hard work!

**B. Ways and Means Committee: Bill Heacock and John Dixon co-chairs:**

No report

**C. Scholarship Committee: Angela Mauro, chair:**

No report

**D. Archives Committee: Peter Simpkins, chair:**

Peter has been working with Mary Mowl and Pat Zwick and Amanda on Wednesdays. Please let Peter know if anything related to RSD that Alumni would like to preserve.

**E. Sunshine Committee: Marie Janosko, chair:**

Marie has been sending sympathy cards to Alumni and their families for the last two years.

**F. Newsletter Committee: Mary Kay Reynolds, chair:**

Mary Kay showed the report on transparency. 250 copies of Newsletter sent out to members. The expenses were \$1,969.11. The renewals and subscription income was \$1,046.00. The loss of money was approximately \$953.00. (Please see the attachment) The improvement of prints was from outside of RSD. The Newsletter Committee is working in process with the website.

**Unfinished Business:**

No old business to finish up

**New Business:**

MOTION: Chris Playford made a motion to start members paying dues of \$10.00. Seconded. **PASSED.**

AMENDMENT: Pam Conley amended to have the members paying \$10 for membership due annually.

Seconded. **PASSED.**

AMENDMENT: George Canne amended to have couples membership due of \$15 annually and \$10 for individuals annually. Seconded. **PASSED.**

MOTION: Marie Janosko moved to remove George Canne's amendment. Seconded. **PASSED.**

**Election of New Board Members/Oath:**

President Canne shared Lisa DeWindt-Sommer's letter to the alumni.

MOTION: Colleen Kazragis made a motion to vote a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer as we elected 5 new Board members. Seconded. **PASSED.**

**Names (Nominations) for new Board members:**

1. Peter Simpkins
2. Roni DeWindt
3. Patti Canne
4. Corey Englert
5. Matt Sacco
6. Eileen Todesco
7. Lisa DeWindt-Sommer
8. Melissa Pancione
9. Jackie Shepard
10. Betty Hicks

**Nomination for President: PATTI CANNE**

1. Peter Simpkins
2. Patti Canne
3. Lisa DeWindt-Sommer
4. Corey Englert

Nomination for Vice President: LISA DEWINDT-SOMMER

1. Peter Simpkins
2. Corey Englert
3. Lisa DeWindt-Sommer
4. Eileen Todesco

Nominations for Secretary: EILEEN TODESCO

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MOTION: Marie Janosko made a motion that we accept Eileen Todesco as Secretary as ALC. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Nomination for Treasurer: RONI DeWINDT

1. Roni DeWindt

MOTION: John Dixon made a motion that we accept Roni DeWindt as Treasurer as ALC. Seconded. **PASSED.**

Nomination for Liaison: COREY ENGLERT

1. Matt Sacco
2. Melissa Pancione
3. Corey Englert

The new board members took the Oath!

Announcements:

1. President Canne announced that Dr. Mowl apologizing that he couldn't come to RSDAA event.
2. RSDAA 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be in June 2004 during the Spring Festival. (1<sup>st</sup> weekend of June)

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

Submitted respectively,

Dorothy M. Wilkins

RSDAA Secretary