

All Star One Conference

Meeting of the Governance Committee

Sunday July 3, 2016 at 2:00 pm
Newton Center, on Star Island

Scott Stewart chaired the Meeting. The meeting was open to all members of the Star Island Governance Committee, and any other persons interested in attending the session.

Milestones:

Those present at the meeting commemorated the loss of Pheobe Soule; Pete Williams; and Roy Cook from within our community over the past year. All three of these shoalers were long time All Star 1 conferees who have left a continuing legacy of family and wonderful memories within the Conference.

The June wedding of the very Reverend Nancy Wood was celebrated, as were the impending nuptials for Leigh Tillman.

A new shoaler, Bennett Gregoire, was birthed this year by Elizabeth Hendrick Gregoire and her husband Mike Gregoire. Angela Zingale and Sean Peck presented their beautiful baby, Amir, to the All Star 1 community. Elizabeth Yermack, daughter of Eric and Lizzy Yermack is attending her first conference this summer, as well.

Business Portion of the Meeting:

The business portion of this meeting was to elect chairman for the 2018 All Star 1 Conference. Mary Trudeau read a list of names, generated at the 2015 Meeting of the Governance Council, consisting of past nominees and other potential chairman. Those shoalers, on the list, but not in attendance at the 2016 Conference, were not considered.

Nominations from the floor included the following candidates:

Joy Close and Susan O'Laughlin
Louise Williams, David Yermack and Jenny Easter Nelson
Jill and John Robbins
Josie and Cory Easter

A motion was made to close nominations, seconded and the motion was unanimously **voted** by the meeting.

Testimonials for each of the candidates were given by members of the conference. Comments were universally supportive of each candidacy, and it was noted that the All Star 1 community has no shortage of strong leadership and potential chairmen.

After a period of discussion, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting **voted** unanimously to vote on the nominations.

Ali Walton, as Registrar, instructed the voting members of the Governance Committee on the procedures for the vote. Voting will be by paper ballot. Each voter should list their choice for chair on a ranked list. The voter may choose to rank all nominations, or they may choose to vote for one, two or three of the candidates. After the votes were cast, Ali Walton left the room to tally the ballots.

Report from the Corporation:

Mary Trudeau, Tom Coleman and Louise Williams are All Star 1 conferees currently holding seats on the Board of Directors of the Star Island Corporation. Mary began with a State of the Corporation report, noting that the Island is in a very good place. Grants this year exceeded 400K dollars, including monies, from FEMA, to rebuild portions of the pier damaged in a storm event several years ago. Capital improvements continue on the Island, and the recent construction of interior egress from the Atlantic portion of the hotel completes the most significant of the fire safety improvements requested by the Rye Fire Department. This is a critical piece of our fire safety program as it creates a second means of safe access from the upper floors of the hotel.

Winterization work on the western wall of the Atlantic House raising is going well and again, this work is largely funded by grants obtained by the Island staff from philanthropic agencies. Bathroom improvements are ongoing, and the new “tower” johns are an example of the increasing amenities offered by the Island.

Mary described the success of the Annual Fund, and the opportunities for growth within the Green Gosport Initiative and the Fund for the Oceanic. Upon a question from the audience, Mary noted that the Annual Fund is the most important fund as it provides direct support to the Island’s operating budget. It was noted that the Permanent Trust, through the subsidies made to the Operating Budget from the returns on the funds managed by the Trust, funds a portion of every conferees stay on the Island. This subsidy is important as it keeps the conference experience affordable, and is an example of how the Star Island Corporation supports the individual conferences.

Tom Coleman stressed the importance of hospitality towards the Pel community, noting that they are a source of future shoalers. He also made a strong push for attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, reminding shoalers of the importance representing All Star 1 at meetings of the Corporation.

Report from Cory Easter, Chair of the Annual Fund for All Star 1:

Cory Easter celebrated the conference's success in raising donations to the Annual Fund for 2015. Noting that donor households were up from within the conference (to 95 units), he reported that All Star 1 donations made up fully 20% percent of the Annual Fund. All Star 1 contributed 84K dollars in 2015, less than our record of 88K dollars, but still a significant tribute from the Conference to the support of the Island. Cory noted that his goal for 2016 is 100 donor households from the All Star I conference. He asked that the leadership of the conference support this goal.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Governance Committee voted to set a 2016 Annual Fund goal of 100 donor households from the All Star 1 conference.

Executive Committee Report:

Ben Soule, as the convener of the Executive Committee reported on work done by the Committee over the past year. Ben noted that a subcommittee, led by Ali Walton was working on a draft policy for conference admissions. He also thanked Ali for her stellar performance as Registrar for the past three years, and welcomed Susan O'Laughlin to the position.

Ben reported that other issues grappled with by the Board this year included discussions on potential reimbursement of room and board for Chairs, or other conference volunteers. He reported that our registration fees are low for a 7 day conference, and could be used to subsidize other volunteer staff.

Ben noted that discussions this year included concern with alcohol and substance abuse within the conference, and that the Executive Committee would be sponsoring an open and public discussion on the topic later in the week. The Prochaska's have offered to facilitate the meeting and it is scheduled for Monday at 4 pm.

Council of Conferences:

Pam Pierce reported on the need for a new representative to the Council of Conferences due to the passing of Roy Cook. She noted that the Conference is requested to provide (2) representatives, but that others are welcome to participate. Pam discussed the responsibilities associated with the position, noting that attendance at two (2) off island meetings is required.

There were three (3) nominations for the position, and it was agreed to accept all three by acclaim, and to allow the members to divide responsibilities amongst themselves. Pam agreed to retain her position. The nominees were:

Ann Etter
Lisa Gresser
Beth Corsa.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted to appoint all three of the nominees to the vacancy.

Results of the Vote for Chairmen of the 2018 All Star 1 Conference:

Ali Walton reported that the chairmen of the 2018 All Star 1 Conference are:

Jenny Easter Nelson; Louise Williams; and David Yermack

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee **voted** to adjourn the session at 3 pm.