

All Star One Conference

Meeting of the Governance Committee

Sunday July 1, 2018 at 2:00 pm

Newton Center, on Star Island

Jan Prochaska 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.

Report from the Annual Fund Chairman:

Cory Easter noted that the All Star I conference donated 102K dollars to the Annual Fund in 2017. As the Annual Fund raised approximately 550K dollars in 2017, the All Star I contribution was a significant donation. Cory noted that the Art Auction raised 20K dollars, and that 102 individuals from the conference contributed towards the conference totals.

Milestones:

Ann Etter noted that she has a new mailing address: 609 Prairie Street, and this should be substituted for the street address in the conference list.

Dave Cook reported that his mother, Marion Cook, recently passed away.

Joy Close noted that her mother, a long time shoaler, Betsy Close died three weeks ago.

Cyndy and Steve Parr reported that Chaz has graduated from college and has returned to the nest with his girlfriend, Mia.

Words from the Chairs:

David Yermack noted that the Conference should consider the ideal size of a conference, noting that 358 applications were received for the week. He noted that we currently have more volunteers than volunteer jobs. David also reported that demographics within the conference were varied, with only 5 Puffins and 5 Terns attending the conference this week.

Jenny Easter also expressed concern with the size of the conference, questioning whether or not the dining room is equipped to manage such a large group. She noted that the Island currently contracted with the conference for 304 conferees.

Susan O'Laughlin, the conference registrar, commented that there are 320 guests expected for the week, with 278 shoalers staying seven nights. She noted that the average bed count for the week is expected to be 302. She noted that Mike Bray and Joe Watts had to give up space on the island to accommodate the conference.

Report from the Treasurer:

Ann Etter reported that we have received 28K dollars in registration fees, and that we ran slightly overbudget in our distribution of scholarships this summer.

Report from the Board of Directors:

Tom Coleman noted that the island is in a very good place. Financially, the island expects to end the season with a 300K dollar surplus. The registrations are on track to meet the bed night projections. Soundproofing improvements in the dining room have made a discernable difference in the noise levels. Work has begun on the new Wastewater Treatment Facility, and it should be on line by next summer.

Report on the Council of Conferences:

Pam Pierce reported that the Council of Conferences met just prior to the Annual Meeting in May. She noted that the Council is struggling with finding and developing leadership. She noted that the group has the potential to share information and practices between conferences, and that a representative of one of the Star Gathering conferences is attending our week to gather ideas to bring back to her conference.

Business Portion of the Meeting:

The business portion of this meeting was to elect chairman for the 2020 All Star 1 Conference. Mary Trudeau read a list of names, generated at the 2017 Meeting of the Governance Council, consisting of past nominees, as well as other potential chairman whom she had interviewed earlier in the week. Those shoalers on the list, but not in attendance at the 2018 Conference, were not considered. Each of the names on the list had been consulted to evaluate their interest for the 2020 chairmanship, and these conversations were relayed to the Governance Council.

Nominations from the floor included the following candidates:

Cathy Bertosi, Ann Etter and Lisa Gresser
Josie and Cory Easter
Jill and Jeff Loewer

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 various 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. The group discussed choosing both the 2020 and 2021 Chairs from the list, but eventually agreed to select only the 2020 chairs.

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

Scott Stewart, 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, Susan O'Laughlin left the room to tally the ballots.

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

Susan O'Laughlin reported that the chairmen of the 2020 All Star 1 Conference are:

Ann Etter, Cathy Bertosi and Lisa Gresser

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