



World Acrobatics Society Membership Meeting
Circus Circus Hotel and Casino
Skyway Towers Banquet Room
Las Vegas, Nevada
September 20, 2012

President John Deininger called the meeting of the World Acrobatics Society membership to order at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2012.

PRESENT: Dick Albertshardt, Jim Bertz, Jon Culbertson, Bruce Davis, Rita Davis, John Deininger, Frank Gorman, Abie Grossfeld, Muriel Grossfeld, Joe Greene, Dick Gutting, Pat Henderson, George Hery, Loren Janes, Bruno Klaus, Donna Kramer, Carol Leas, Don Leas, Larry Lindauer, Bill Marcus, Rick Miller, Pamela Pond, Dian Nissen-Ramirez, Jerilyn Schabacker, Corky Sebbo, Karl Schier, Gary Smith, Glen Vaughn, Ricky Young, Jimmy Young.

Overview and General Information

A summary of the October 18, 2012 WAS BOD meetings was presented as approved by the BOD. This included the following reports:

Financial Committee: Treasurer, George Hery, reported that financial security for next year looks good. Major expenses for the year include the Congress, the Website and printing and mailing of newsletter, flyers and dues notices.

Membership Committee: Don Leas has replaced Duncan Erley as the WAS membership chairman and will continue to collect memberships and keep track of all memberships.

Gallery of Legends Committee: Chairman Dick Gutting, continues in this position and is doing a superior job of organizing the 28-30 member committee that votes for legends that have been nominated by WAS members.

Gallery of Legends Class of 2012:

1. Stoyan Deltchev - Artistic Gymnastics
2. Jack Miles - Artistic Gymnastics
3. Megan Neyer - Diving
4. Jennifer Chandler - Diving
5. Speedy Peterson - Extreme Sports (Free Style Skiing) Deceased
6. Jon Culbertson - Lifetime Achievement

7. Kelli Hill - Lifetime Achievement
8. Dave Sharpe - Professional Acrobatics (Stuntman) Deceased
9. Gary Smith - Trampoline

Newsletter Committee: Bruce Davis will produce two newsletters concerning the 2011 WAS Congress and the 2012 WAS Congress for distribution on the Internet. (WAS has been without a newsletter editor for the last year and no newsletters were produced) Jim Bertz will reformat the two newsletters for 2011 and 2012 and prepare them for mailing to WAS members who do not use computers.

Election: 1st Vice President: Bill Marcus, will discuss the elections slate today.

Worldacro.com: 2nd Vice President: Bruce Davis, in conjunction with Teo Leonard of Apollo Beach Internet of Florida, has the website up and running. There are still many upgrades to be made. The site is an ongoing work in progress and will attract more attention than in the past. Getting a count of worldacro.com Internet hits is important and should be taken and reported on a regular basis.

The Pond Award: The Pond Award is presented annually to an individual who contributes in exemplary ways to the WAS. Pam Pond, Chairperson, will present this year's Pond Award at the beginning of the banquet before the Galley of Legends presentations.

Newsletter Discussion

The newsletter will be in the capable hands of Bruce Davis and Jim Bertz who will develop a newsletter for the 2011 and 2012 years.

A list for updating email information was passed and collected. Please continue to send pertinent newsletter information to Bruce Davis. It was moved and seconded that a printed version of the Newsletter will be mailed to anyone who wants it with the expense being accepted by WAS. It was voted unanimously by hand raise to okay the sending of a paper WAS newsletter by U.S. mail to those who want it. A Sign-up Mailing List sheet was passed and collected with names of people who wish to receive the paper copy of newsletter.

A distribution list is needed. We are silent in the United States. We need to develop some way of getting in touch with related national and international organizations in order to inform them about WAS and how it pertains to them.

Review of Constitution

The Constitution is to be reviewed every five (5) years. The goal is to get revisions and changes from the whole WAS body in order to revise and amend the constitution as it pertains to the current Society. The Constitution will be available on the website. (Note: WAS Constitution was E-mailed to the current membership in October of 2012.)

A recommended change to the constitution was to assign an overseer for the Gallery of Legends (GOL) Committee. Currently, there is no one assigned to this duty, but has been shared by first and second vice-president, as needed. It was moved and seconded that the first vice president will be the overseer for the Gallery of Legends process. The motion unanimously carried. This is a change to the constitution Section 7.06 – First Vice President: adding to overseer of Gallery of Legends Committee.

Gotomeetings.com Website:

Karl Schier is checking the Website, “gotomeetings.com” to evaluate the possibility of meeting through the Internet in order to have more contact with BOD and conserve time and finances of board members. George Hery will assist in the evaluation of said Website. (Note: Karl Schier and Bruce Davis conducted the first gotomeeting.com electronic meeting on Wednesday October 30th.)

Election of Officers and Board Members

First Vice President, Bill Marcus, addressed the Constitution, Section 6.03 –Elections and Term of Office.

The slate of candidates for officers was read, moved, voted and passed by a majority to accept as presented:

President	Bruce Davis
First Vice President	Karl Schier
Second Vice President	Glen Vaughn
Secretary	Donna Kramer
Treasurer	George Hery

The nominations for the three vacant positions for board members were called for:

The nominees are: Bill Marcus, Larry Lindauer, Dian Nissen Ramirez, Jon Culbertson, and Don Leas, with the following being elected:

Dian Nissen-Ramirez, 3-year term
 Don Leas, 2-year term
 Jon Culbertson, 1-year term.

Discussions by new president, Bruce Davis

Spring BOD Meeting: A motion was presented that sometime between October 1, 2012 and November 15, 2012, there will be a test program with the “gotomeetings.com” Website for a WAS Board meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

The Spring WAS BOD meeting was discussed further. A motion was presented to meet in Las Vegas on the weekend of April 27-28, 2013 for the annual Spring Board of Directors meeting, if needed. It was so moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

Bruce Davis, new President, thanked John Deininger (eight (8) years as president) and Bill Marcus (6 years as vice president) for their service and dedication to WAS. Davis used Executive Order to add to the constitution that any President Emeritus of WAS will automatically become a member of the board of directors. (Note: This currently applies to John Deininger and Don Leas.)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna S. Kramer, WAS Secretary