

# Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

APCDA, 2019 Annual Conference

Thursday, May 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Carla Siojo at 5:20 pm and Member Meeting packets were distributed.

The meeting minutes from May 2018 were reviewed. Phoenix moved that they be accepted and Nila Urrea seconded. They were unanimously approved.

Carla Siojo read the President's Report. Marilyn Maze explained the state of the APCDA finances in the absence of Treasurer Jose Domene. Carla then called on Brian Hutchison to discuss nominations. Two positions are open: Treasurer and President-Elect.

## **Nominations for Treasurer:**

- Anjana Kulasekara was nominated by Danita Redd
- Connie Pritchard was nominated by Soonhoon Ahn

## **Nominations for President-Elect**

- Sing Chee Wong was nominated by Hector Lin
- Raza Abbas was nominated by Danita Redd
- Phoenix Ho was nominated by Anne Chen but immediately declined
- Jose Domene was nominated by Woongtae Kim

Carla called Marilyn Maze and the Bylaws and Policies Committee: Allan Gatenby and Gemma Williams, to explain the proposed Bylaws Restructuring. Marilyn explained that Board meeting are already too long and cumbersome because of the many types of Board members, who all need a change to speak. In order to allow growth (more member countries, more committees), we need to give those groups their own meeting time. Allan and Gemma pointed out that the new bylaws is also been reformatted and streamlined by taking out topics, like the committee names, which could change without a vote of the members, and putting those items into the Policies and Procedures Manual. Also, inaccuracies and typos were corrected.

The time available at the meeting for discussion was short but everyone was encouraged to expressed concerns and ask questions. The new structure creates a 3-layer structure. It could appear that a new layer has been inserted between the Board and the members. Concern was expressed about how to select the 4 representatives from the Country/Area Council and the 2 representatives from the Committee Council to sit on the Board. The selection process is not specified in the revised bylaws because we consider it a procedure (belonging in the Policies and Procedures Manual) that should be determine by the members of each Council. General support was expressed for the new structure because the groups will be smaller so they can make decisions more easily.

The Member Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 and the Board retired to a meeting room to discuss the comments of the members.