



RTDNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023

Minneapolis, Minnesota

In Attendance

Tim Scheld, Allison McGinley, Sheryl Worsley, Lynn Hatter, Alex Silverman, Kathy Walker, Alisha McDevitt, Kim Wilhelm, Robert Thomas, Monika Diaz, Misty Montano, Vince Duffy, Melissa Luck, Sherri Jackson, Blaise Labbe, Colin Benedict, Jennifer Seelig, JJ Green, Ellen Crooke, Dan Shelley, Tara Puckey, Michael Sanserino; *Virtual Attendees:* Terence Shepherd, Jam Sardar, Galean Stewart

Welcome

Sheld calls the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Central. The board shares professional and personal highlights. Sheld turns it over to Puckey to start the Governance Modernization discussion at 10:05 a.m. Central.

Governance Modernization

The group discusses various thoughts about the Governance Modernization process including concern over losing key board members, how the process will play out with the upcoming conferences and elections and how the roll-off of board members would work. There was also discussion around whether regions should still play a role in governance in some way. The group opted to continue discussion informally over lunch and reconvene after the audit discussion later in the day.

Audit Report

Auditors from Greenwalt reported that the organizations are both in good financial health and that both organizations received a clean audit. They did bring up a process note

about pledged gifts and when they should be included from an accounting perspective which Puckey addressed and noted that they would be working with auditors and the accountant to share sooner in the process of pledges.

Scheld requested a motion to approve the audit report for RTDNA. Worsley moved and Silverman seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was then made to adjourn as the association and convene as the foundation. The motion was made by Worsley and seconded by Seelig, and was unanimously approved.

McGinley asked for a motion to accept the audit report for the RTDNA Foundation, which was made by Walker and seconded by Worsley, and unanimously approved.

Seelig moved to adjourn as the foundation and reconvene as the association and was seconded by Worsley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Governance Modernization

The group revisited the Governance Modernization process and asked questions about next steps if moving forward is approved. Sheld asks for a motion to accept the Governance Modernization next steps strategy. Green made the motion, Worsley seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Executive Session

Scheld requested a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss staffing, which was made by Worsley, seconded by Benedict and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session by Duffy and seconded by Worsley, and was unanimously approved.

Advocacy and President Report

Shelley shared several updates on advocacy efforts, including specific updates about radio encryption among US police. He noted that RTDNA is actively engaging in many of these situations around the country and will continue to do so. He also mentioned a

variety of other legislative efforts at the Federal level, as well as some state-specific issues that RTDNA is engaging in.

Foundation Meeting

Scheld requested a motion to adjourn as the association and convene as the foundation. Worsley made the motion, Seelig seconded and it was unanimously approved.

McGinley encouraged the board to meet with scholarship and fellowship recipients during the upcoming conference. Walker provided a financial report, noting that as of the end of August, the foundation account was worth more than \$2M and the Oldfield account sat just over \$50k.

There was no old or new business for the foundation shared and McGinley asked for a motion to adjourn as the foundation and reconvene as the association. Worsley moved, Silverman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Puckey provided updates on the RTDNA23: Minneapolis conference, sharing that attendance looked promising and the programming lineup is incredible. She also noted a few updates about the upcoming budget process and staffing updates, welcoming Kelby Dolan to the staff.

Chair Report

Scheld provided a short report, focusing on the things he's most excited about for the upcoming conference.

Chair-Elect Report

Worsley shared that planning for RTDNA24: Milwaukee will begin soon since the timeline between events is short, likely immediately following the 2023 Murrow Gala in October.

Treasurer Report

Duffy provided a report, noting that accounts are in good shape. He shared that the markets have been better and both association and foundation accounts are up year-over-year since January 1.

New/Old Business

Scheld asked for new business and old business and no topics were raised.

Adjournment

Scheld requested a motion to adjourn at 4:27 p.m. Central. Benedict moved, Worsley seconded and it was unanimously approved. The group adjourned.