

# IWIRC-Alabama

## Membership Meeting

October 14, 2016

### **Call to Order & Attendance**

The telephonic meeting was called to order and a roll call was taken. The following individuals were present on the call:

Summer Chandler

Jodi Cooke

Bess Creswell

Kasee Heisterhagen

Kristi Johnson

Jayna Lamar

Danielle Mashburn-Myrick

Claire Poirier

Janna Ifshin could not attend, but gave her proxy to Jodi Cooke. Nancy Valentine attended on behalf of the E-Board of IWIRC International in an advisory capacity.

### **Adoption of New Network Rules**

Jodi Cooke explained that the primary purpose of the meeting was to vote on new proposed Network Rules (circulated electronically with the notice of the meeting), which would convert the IWIRC-Alabama Network into an IWIRC-Gulf Coast Network and expand the geographic area of the Network to include Mississippi and the “Central Time Zone” of Florida.

The present and voting primary affiliated members of the current Network (6) voted unanimously to adopt the proposed new Network Rules circulated with the notice of the meeting. Janna Ifshin also voted in favor by proxy exercised by Jodi Cooke, giving the proposal 100% unanimous approval by the current membership. Though they are not yet primary affiliated members of the Network, Jodi Cooke and Summer Chandler (currently primary members of the Florida Network who intend to move their primary affiliation to the IWIRC-Gulf Coast Network) also voted in favor.

Nancy Valentine advised that the new approved Network Rules should be forwarded to herself, Shari Bednar, and the other members of the IWIRC International E-Board for a vote during their October 25 meeting.

### **Approval of New Board & Executive Officers**

Jodi Cooke explained that the secondary purpose of the meeting was to approve a proposed slate of initial board members and officers for the IWIRC-Gulf Coast Network. The proposed slate (as circulated with the meeting notice) was:

- Chair: Jodi Cooke (Pensacola)
- Vice Chair: No candidate (Mobile)

- Secretary: Danielle Mashburn-Myrick (Mobile)
- Treasurer: Claire Poirier (Pensacola)
- Co-Past Chairs: Bess Creswell (Mobile) & Jennifer Kimble (NYC)
- Board of Directors: Summer Chandler (Panama City), Kristi Johnson (Jackson), Jayna Lamar (Birmingham)

There was no proposed candidate for Vice Chair and no participant in the meeting volunteered, though the other officers will diligently attempt to identify a candidate. Danielle Mashburn-Myrick moved to approve the proposed slate. Her motion was seconded by Bess Creswell. The motion was unanimously approved by all meeting participants, except that Nancy Valentine did not vote.

## **New Business**

Nancy Valentine mentioned that the Network may be eligible for an IWIRC International grant, either the new network grant or a kickoff event grant. Kristi Johnson pointed out that since this new network is the first ever network in Mississippi, it should be considered for the new network grant.

Jodi Cooke and Bess Creswell agreed to send around a Doodle poll for setting monthly telephone conferences for meetings of the Board.

Summer Chandler reminded everyone about the upcoming Fall IWIRC meeting in San Francisco and the networking opportunities there.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.