

COA Governance Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair, Susan Ruskin Friend, via ZOOM. She read Governor Baker's, March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of Open Meeting Law, and then took attendance.

Present: Mignonne Murray, Susan Ruskin Friend, Marge Ackerman, Linda Johnson, Tom Nicholson, Melissa Galton and Prather Palmer.

Absent: Gerri Scoll

Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2021

The March minutes were reviewed. Linda made a motion to accept the minutes and Tom seconded the motion. The group approved the minutes unanimously.

Discuss Revised Definition of Associate Members

Linda presented a revised definition of Associate Members to the group. After a discussion supporting the value of these members, the group suggested further revisions to be presented at a future meeting.

Discuss Role and Duties Of Associate Members

Associate members serve 1 year terms with the option of renewing annually if there is a continued need for their services. Associate members are invited, but not required, to attend board meetings and do not have voting privileges. Tom suggested that Sue talk to the board about ways to increase ethnic diversity among the board and associate members. Mignonne said she had concerns that non-English speaking members of the community might be unaware of the COA, or of its services.

Discuss Welcome Committee Name and Category

Sue questioned whether "Welcome and Hospitality" was really a committee if it only had one member. Melissa provided historical information, explaining that it was originally formed as an outreach group to welcome newly arrived older adults to Weston and to the COA. Linda thought it was more of a liaison now which worked with the Women's Community League. Mignonne said there was a difference between COA Board groups and advisory groups which could be supervised by her. Sue proposed changing "Welcome and Hospitality" from a committee to "Welcome and Hospitality Volunteers". People could be recruited for specific projects and work with Kristen Frady and Mignonne. The group approved the name change unanimously.

Discuss New Board Member Orientation Procedures

Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Slate of Officers for 2021-2022

The proposed slate of officers for the coming year will be presented at the next meeting.

Other Business

Three applications for the single COA Board vacancy were submitted to the Town of Weston. One applicant withdrew and the other two will be interviewed, via ZOOM, by Marge and Sue.

Date of Next Meeting

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.