



**NSEA Past State President's
Advisory Council Minutes of the
Election of Officers**
Annual Meeting April 25, 2025



President: William "Bill" Wiseman, PSP, DL

Secretary: William "Bill" Bohnett, PSP, DL

Treasurer: Albert "Al" Bye, PDDGER, SP

Date: April 25, 2025

Call to Order: 2:05pm **By:** President Bill Wiseman

Invocation: Bohnett

Pledge: Al Bye

Officers in Attendance: All Advisory Board Officers in Attendance

Members in Attendance (PSPs): Bill Wiseman, Al Bye, Marlen Hoesly, William Bohnett, Gene Presnell, Dee Boskie, Frank Reynolds III, Debbie Oskin, Dan Wells,

Guests in Attendance: Ross Dyer – NSEA SP, Rick Stone from Reno Elks Lodge - Representing GL GR Committee, Ben Reed NSEA PE, Scott Stephens – CHEA VP at Large, Larry Carver, Utah 1st VP.

Minutes of the Previous Session: November, 2024 Minutes - Motion to Approve – Hoesly, seconded by Boski. APPROVED as published on the NSEA Website.

Treasurer's Report: Board Treasurer Al Bye reported the following:

Begin: \$2863.59 Al thanked all for the allowing him to be Treasurer for the last 4 years-plus, and asked all to respect the new incoming Treasurer. (who will be invoicing the dues from this point on)

Upcoming Grand Lodge Conventions: Wiseman reported on the following
Kansas City – June 2025. Chicago – July 2026 Chicago celebrating 100 years for the Elks Memorial Bldg. Denver July 2027. Baltimore July 2028.

Reynolds stated he was informed Reno, Nevada is being looked at for 2029.

NSEA Officers for the Upcoming Year: Wiseman reported on the upcoming positions. Ben Reed from the North is incoming NSEA President. The position of President Elect decided by the PSPs from the South is JJ Lynch from Lodge 1468. District VPs. North: Ed Emerick. (repeat). South: Jack Eslinger. The District VPs will be announced at tomorrow's business meeting, but no voting for these positions since the caucuses in the North and South now determine these positions. John Whitesides will be running unopposed for the NSEA Treasurer. Running for one year Trustee position vacated by John Whitesides is Bill LaMar from Carson City. Running for the four year trustee position will be Nancy Rymer from Pahrump. Running for the three year

Major Project Trustee position will be Frank Picone from Reno. At this point all nominees are running unopposed.

Unfinished Business:

- **Current NSEA Meeting in Laughlin Update:** Wiseman reported: 170 Members Registered. Meal attendance commitments are good. Max capacity at most banquets. Wiseman feels the meal numbers are being helped by the added seminars. Guests rooms have been complimentary by Harrahs, Laughlin for 9 rooms total. Boski stated it would be nice to consider adding comp'd rooms for the NSEA Secretary and Treasurer if the hotels are willing to add a couple more rooms. Wiseman continued; that Harrahs has worked well with us on lowering room rates and resort fees. *Important note: 25 rooms were blocked for any stragglers wishing to stay Sunday night. All were used. Additionally, Harrahs has committed to a three year contract.* Boski stated there are some lodges possibly wanting to host future conventions. This practice is welcomed should a lodge come forward with a proposal, and if all existing contract commitments have been met. [Discussion started by Boski ensued in regards to mandate that our Midterm Conventions be held "the weekend before Thanksgiving." So Grand Lodge can plan the GER's calendar to automatically visit Nevada. *Secretary Bohnett has moved the motions and results to "New Business" in these minutes.*] Boski stated his concerns that during conventions we've been conflicting meetings with the ritual contest. This practice should be avoided. Future scheduling meeting agendas need to take this into consideration. Possibly using Thursday evening for meetings and events should be considered?

New Business:

- **Upcoming November 2025 Meeting in the Carson City Plaza Hotel & Event Center November 20-23, 2025 Update:** Boski Reporting: The Grand will be attending. Boski is intending to put together a golf tournament. (weather permitting) Room prices will have little or no changes. Meal prices will be printed in the upcoming packet. *Last year Lunches were averaging \$25. Dinners were averaging \$55.* Meal prices will be slightly higher this coming November. Boski stated his biggest issue with putting together the convention packet is "invited guests." Always a challenge with commitments happening last minute. Mostly cumbersome when determining guests comp'd rooms and meals. Agenda will be similar as years' prior. Boski intends to finalize the packet in early August.

- **Bylaw Change for Annual NSEA Midterm dates to always be “The Weekend Before Thanksgiving.”** Motion by Bohnett. Seconded by Hoesly. Discussion: Knowing Nevada’s Midterm date will always be the weekend BEFORE Thanksgiving allows Grand Lodge to lock in the GERs visitation for our state. Motion passed

- **Wiseman stated our Area Sponsors are considering holding a “Leadership Meeting Summit” in Nevada to discuss our issues and concerns. The sponsors want to assure Nevada is solid in leadership, them having “concerns in the direction Nevada is going.”** Wiseman stated the sponsors wish to meet with the DLs, DDGERs, and PSPs with the desire to make the PSPs more involved with state leadership, decision, and policy making. The sponsors stated they wanted to meet in both the north and south. Wiseman recommended possibly holding one “summit meeting” in the middle of Nevada, like maybe Tonopah, so all will be on the same page and nothing gets lost in translation. [Note: At time of these minutes being published, this meeting has yet to occur]

- **Election of Advisory Board Officers for the Upcoming Fraternal Years 2025 - 2029:** President Wiseman open nominations and conducted elections on the following offices:
Advisory Board President: Nomination by Marlen Hoesly for Dee Boski. Boski declined the nomination. Frank Reynolds III for Gene Presnell. Presnell declined. William Bohnett nominated Frank Reynolds III. Reynolds declined. No other nominations were presented. William Wiseman to retain the position of Advisory Board President for at least another year.
Advisory Board Secretary: Nomination for Debbie Oskin by William Wiseman for the position of Advisory Board Secretary. No Other Nominations.
Advisory Board Treasurer: Nomination for Dee Boski by Debbie Oskin for the position of Advisory Board Treasurer. No Other Nominations. Nominations Closed. Election commenced – All Officers nominated were elected by a unanimous decision.

NSEA Advisory Board Officer Election Results: President: William Wiseman PSP, DL. Secretary: Deborah Oskin PSP. Treasurer: Dietrich Boski PSP

- **Wiseman discussed the continuation of a Convention Planning Committee for both north and south conventions.** Wiseman (south) and Boski (north) will stay on for now, but would like interested parties to participate. Future committee chairs need to know the process of running and negotiating our annual meetings to assure a smooth transition when a seasoned chairperson retires. *[Secretaries Note: After the discussion of assuring future annual meetings, Secretary Bohnett was directed to note the following in these minutes. “All PSPs... Please consider getting intimate with convention planning. Please advise the Advisory Council President your interest by the November meeting”]*

Sickness and Distress: None were discussed.

Good of the Association:

- Bohnett thanked all for allowing him to be the Advisory Council Secretary (Thunderous applause!)
- Guests stated pleasantries and their appreciation. All stated they have a lot of the same challenges in their areas
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Boski. Seconded by Presnell. Motion passed.
4:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

William “Bill” Bohnett

Advisory Board Secretary