



NSEA Past State President's Advisory Council Minutes Annual Meeting April 26, 2024



President: William "Bill" Wiseman, PSP, DL
Secretary: William "Bill" Bohnett, PSP, DL
Treasurer: Albert "Al" Bye, PSP, DL

Date: April 26, 2024 **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, Russ Childers, Marlon Hoesly, William Bohnett, Gene Presnell, Dee Boskie, Dan Wells, Ken Catlin,

Guests in Attendance: Jim Grillo PGER (Area 7 Sponsor), Frank Reynolds III - NSEA President, Ross Dyer – NSEA PE, Brenda Shaw UT PE, Susan Krausman AEA 1st VP, Marty Melo CHEA 1st VP, Rick Stone from Reno Elks Lodge, Representing GL GR Committee.

Minutes of the Previous Session: November 17, 2024 Minutes - Motion to Approve – Hoesly, seconded by Childers. APPROVED as published on the NSEA Website.

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

Begin: \$2,915.07

Outstanding Accounts Payable: \$216 to Ted Balash

Dues are "rolling in."

Upcoming Grand Lodge Conventions: Wiseman reported on the following
Austin – July 2024. Kansas City – June 2025. Chicago – July 2026. Grillo discussed the rededication of the Memorial Bldg. in Chicago celebrating 100 years. He stated they are working on the feasibility and logistics of the members visiting the building during the Chicago GL convention. Work in progress... More to come.

NSEA Officers for the Upcoming Year: Wiseman reported on the upcoming positions. Ross Dyer is incoming NSEA President. Vote was taken for the AB to recommend Ben Reed for the position of President Elect at the April 27, 2024 Business meeting. Motion by: Hoesly. Seconded by Bohnett. Motion passed. The Advisory Board will present Reed as the endorsed candidate for President Elect at the Business meeting prior to the election. Wiseman noted should someone from the floor be nominated, the AB cannot discount that individual.

Wiseman also announced the District VPs from the north and south chosen at their respective caucuses. North Ed Emerick. South JJ Lynch. Wiseman reminded these positions were chosen

as a requirement from the NSEA Bylaws. A vote at tomorrow's business will happen as also prescribed by the bylaws.

Wiseman reported on a letter of intent for Sue Catlin out of Fallon wishing to run for 4-yr NSEA Trustee. Ken Catlin, PSP withdrew Sue's request for nomination. Frank Reynolds reported Ty Trouten out of Great Basin has an interest in the position and will be nominated at tomorrow's business meeting. Frank Reynolds emailed a copy of Ty's letter requesting nomination to Bill Wiseman during the PSP meeting.

The position of 3-yr. SMP Trustee. Kris Wieland of Mesquite and Greg Weeks from Las Vegas.

Unfinished Business:

- **Upcoming November Meeting Update:** Dee Boskie briefly stated the 2024 Mid-Term will again be held in November at the same venue in Carson City, and he handed out preliminary packets. Cost increases were minimal. Any suggestions for the mid-term convention needs to happen a.s.a.p. Contact Boskie. Carson City lodge will also host a welcome dinner. Boskie is currently working out meeting locations with the event center staff. Wiseman discussed the possibility of some Thursday meetings freeing up time for other Friday meetings. Boskie and his committee will advise.
- **Current April Meeting Update:** Wiseman updated the AB regarding the hurdles found on this year's 2024 Annual Meeting. Ahern in Las Vegas was not cooperating as expected and the decision was made to find a different venue. Wiseman met several times with Kathleen Hoss of Laughlin Lodge. After much negotiation, and visits to several resorts in Laughlin, the Aquarius Resort was chosen. They have been very helpful and willing to bring the Elks to Laughlin. Wiseman stated we have a "decent turnout" with 86 room reservations, and it looks like we may have a new home for conventions in Nevada South. Discussions ensued regarding the addition of the \$10 registration fee. After some debate it was determined that due to related admin costs the fee should become policy. Motion by Presnell to make it a policy. Seconded by Childers. Motion passed.

Wiseman recommended the NSEA continue taking on the conventions relieving lodges from sponsoring them. Consensus was favorable. The current rotation of the Annual in the South, and the Mid-Term in the North will remain for now. Additionally some discussion took place in regards to future convention committees. A new policy was discussed to have the outgoing NSEA President become part of the convention committee. Motion by Hoesly, seconded by Bye. Motion passed.

New Business:

- **Convention Costs for Dignitaries, State Officials, and Invited Guests.** Wiseman discussed our complimentary costs for invited guests and dignitaries not to include the District Vice Presidents as we continue to add more costs than anticipated. Presnell stated this should be an addition to the NSEA Bylaws now that absorbing these additional costs are being handled by the NSEA coffers vs. a lodge hosting as in year's past. Out of state guests in attendance discussed the "comping" details in their respective states. The consensus was that "the less comps the better." Out of pocket expenses are to be expected. Wiseman recommended we make a bylaw addition to the April 27, 2024 business meeting for adoption. *Motion by Hoesly to only pay for invited guests, Area Sponsors, Special Deputy, NSEA President, and NSEA President-Elect at the NSEA Annual Meeting and Mid-Term. Seconded by Boskie. Motion passed*
- **Remote DD Selection Procedures.** Childers questioned why a telephone call to Ely to confirm their vote for DD Designate during the South's DDGER Caucus. *Note: Those concerned were fine with the DDGER selection.* But the process of remote voting was questioned. The discussion brought up enough concerns to revisit the procedure. Wiseman stated this can be discussed at a meeting of the South's Past District Deputies.
- **Advisory Board Officers.** Al Bye stated the "continuity" of the AB has been satisfactory these past years, and he did not want to run for AB President. Bye nominated the same officers to continue on. Wiseman – President. Bye – Treasurer. Bohnett – Secretary. A white ballot was cast after no other nominations from the AB members.

Sickness and Distress: None

Good of the Association:

- **Pacific Southwest Event at Grand Lodge.** Grillo discussed the cancelling of the Pacific Southwest Event at Grand Lodge. The costs were too high and non-negotiable.
- **Hoop Shoot Numbers Drastically Down.** Grillo also stated his concerns about the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest shooting averages are down 35%, and he will pursue finding out details from all area seven lodges as to why we're down, and how to bring these numbers back. This is one of Elksdom's premiere functions and he does not want to see it fail.
- **Supportive Comments by Invited Guests:** Various "thank yous" from our guests for the hospitality. Those representing AZ, CA/HI, and UT related to the challenges presented.

Adjournment: 3:44pm

Respectfully submitted,
 William "Bill" Bohnett
 Advisory Council Secretary