

WPRA Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Call
2/26/2019

In Attendance: Doreen Wintermute, Jerri Mann, Heidi Schmidt, Dillon McPherson, Melanie Luark, Patti McCutchen, Cindy Gillespie, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Chris Powers, Patti Roberts, Toni Karre, Marlene McRae, Stacey Freitas, Lois Ferguson and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

1. WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

2. Discussion regarding Great Lakes Petition Complaint - Executive Session:

Ms. Ransom was brought onto the call. She reviewed her written response to the petition which addressed the concerns raised in the petition. In response to questions by various Directors regarding the allegations raised the petition, Ms. Ransom, among other items, discussed her plans to use a texting app to keeping members informed, she will attend more rodeos, and intends to ask her spokeswoman to step up and do more. Ms. Ransom also noted that she was paying for awards out of pocket because the directors had not received award allocations yet. After responding to additional follow up questions by the Directors, Ms. Ransom left the call.

Thereafter, the Board had an extensive discussion with each Director being asked by WPRA President Doreen Wintermute to share their thoughts, concerns, etc. Each Director took turns conveying thoughts, concerns, observations, etc., including, among other items, issues that Ms. Ransom could improve on during the limited remaining months of her term, the challenges faced by a circuit director, and the desire to help Ms. Ransom improve while addressing the concerns raised in the petition.

After extensive discussion the Board concluded not to remove Ms. Ransom but rather create and put in place an accountability/action plan, whereby Ms. Ransom would be held accountable to the Board to address specific areas of concern identified by the Board and in the petition. The areas to address covered: designating specific people to help with social media communications, expanding the group working on all circuit awards and providing more communications about her initiatives with various committees.

The Board also outlined next steps in terms of communicating back to the concerned members.

Meeting adjourned.