



**Minutes of the Annual General Membership Meeting of the Council on Aging St. Tammany – COAST**  
Held June 27, 2024

The Conservation Room in the Southeast Louisiana Refugee Headquarters located at 61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe, LA 70445.

The following directors were present/absent (\*indicates absence): Joyce Donohue (President), Martin Lapari (Vice President), Conie Abernathy (Secretary), Kelly Walgamotte (Treasurer) \*Sean Gannon, Marcus Wallace, Amanda Mason, Janice Roussel, \*Scott Wallace, Jamie Gabourel, Kimberly Henry, Al Hamauei, and Jackie Landry.

The following staff members were present: Amy Kudel (Executive Director), Claudia Warner (Client Services Director), George Nicoll (Operations Director) David Ray (Human Resources Director), Syeda Naeem (Finance Director) Valena Rosemond (Activities Coordinator East), Kayla Ivey (Activities Coordinator West), Patty Coward (Client Services Lead Assessor), Fabianne Facine (Client Services Deputy Director), Heather Terrell (Compliance Coordinator), Tia Alexander (Bush Activity Center Site Manager) and Deidra Chiasson (Executive Assistant).

The following visitor was present: Charlene Osborne from the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Call to Order – Joyce Donohue, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Introduction of Current Board Members**

Joyce Donohue introduced the Board to the general membership Joyce Donohue Board President, Martin Lapari Vice President, Conie Abernathy Secretary, Kelly Walgamotte Treasurer, Janice Roussel, Marcus Wallace, Amanda Mason, Jamie Gabourel, Kimberly Henry, Al Hamauei and Jackie Landry to the general membership. Joyce Donohue explained that Scott Wallace and Sean Gannon are also on the Board, but unfortunately were unable to attend.

**Review of Annual Report of Corporation**

President Donohue reviewed COAST’s Annual Report with the meeting attendees.

**Introduction of Candidates for Re-election**

Joyce Donohue, President/Board Development Chair called Amanda Mason, Marcus Wallace and Kimberly Henry to the podium where each candidate up for re-election was allowed time to briefly speak to the general membership. Joyce Donohue then called Al Hamauei and Jackie Landry to the Podium. Joyce explained these two Board Members are filling unexpired terms of members who were unable to fulfil their full term. Each candidate up for election was allowed time to briefly speak to the general membership.

## **Introduction of Candidates for Election**

Joyce Donohue introduced the following candidates up for election to the general membership: Kandise Wilson and Bruce Margetson. Each candidate was allowed to briefly tell the general membership about themselves. Joyce Donohue informed the meeting attendees that the two new candidates were interviewed, deemed to have met all qualifications and selected by the Board of Directors Board Development Committee for the ballot.

## **Review of Voting Procedures**

President Donohue reviewed the voting procedures with the general membership.

## **Requirements for Directors**

President Donohue went over the requirements for directors.

## **Floor Opened for Nominations**

Joyce Donohue opened the floor for nominations.

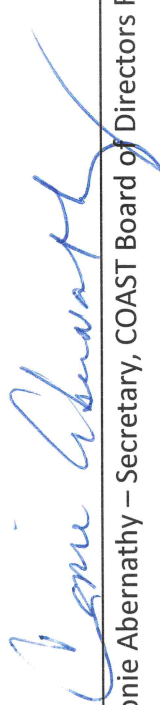
Being there were no nominations from the floor, Joyce Donohue closed the floor for nominations.

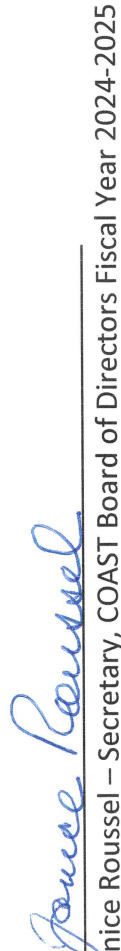
## **Election of Board Members**

The candidates on the ballot were elected by acclamation.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

There being no further business, Joyce Donohue, President COAST Board of Directors, adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

  
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Conie Abernathy – Secretary, COAST Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2023-2024

  
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Janice Roussel – Secretary, COAST Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2024-2025

*\*The above meeting minutes constitutes the general understanding by Janice Roussel, Secretary - COAST Board of Directors, of the meeting content. Please advise Deidra Chiasson, Assistant to Executive Director COAST, of any errors or omissions.*