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SCA Board of Directors
MINUTES
April 16, 2025

1) Call to Order
President Buxton called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Present were members Armondo Pavone, Mary Lou Pauly, Dana Ralph, Chris Roberts, Regan Bolli, Troy Linnell, Katherine Ross, and Nigel Herbig; guest Bob Sterbank; and SCA staff Robert Feldstein, Leah Willoughby, Andie Parnell, Aj Foltz, and Laura Belmont. Absent were members Amy Falcone, Mason Thompson, and Vanessa Kritzer.

2) Public Comment
President Buxton asked if there was anyone present for public comment. Seeing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

3) Consent Agenda
President Buxton asked for any questions or discussion regarding items on the consent agenda.

Linnell moved, seconded by Bolli, to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the March 19, 2025 SCA Board of Directors Meeting; and the financial reports of January 2025, consisting of the January 2025 Balance Sheet and the January 2025 Profit & Loss Report. The motion passed.

4) Executive Session
At 10:08 AM President Buxton called a 30 min executive session for the purpose of:
pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii), to discuss with legal counsel the legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

There were no actions to report.

Before the next item on the agenda, the board took the following action:

Bolli moved, seconded Pavone by to move item 7: King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Committee up in the agenda, to follow item 4. The motion passed unanimously.

5) King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Committee
KCRHA Governing SCA member Nancy Backus briefly summarized for the group the process of reviewing applications for the lived experience representative, and shared the SCA member caucus's recommendation for appointment. Backus summarized the qualifications of the two applicants which the caucus put forward to the board as their recommendations. Backus also summarized the review and qualifications of the applications for the applicants who the caucus was not putting forward as their recommendation for appointment.

Group discussed applicants and process for appointment of the Lived Experience Representative. Ralph noted that previous vote was held after several Board members had exited the meeting. Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Pauly moved, seconded by Ralph, to amend something previously adopted in regard to the SCA KCRHA lived experience appointment; to appoint Kent Hay as re

Following the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Committee item, the board took the following action:

Ross moved, seconded by Herbig, to call a ten-minute executive session for the purpose of continuing conversation from prior executive session. The motion passed.

At 11:05 AM President Buxton called a 10 min executive session. Reconvened at 11:15 AM.

Following the executive session, the Board took the following actions:

Pauly moved, seconded by Ross, to direct the Board to stand up a committee of up to three past Board presidents to review information related to an executive session and matters pertaining to potential legal action. The motion passed.

Ralph moved, seconded by Ross, to add the following amendment to the preceding motion: that there be a request that board members respond to request for information before committee is appointed. The motion passed.

Herbig moved, seconded by Pauly, to add the following amendment to the preceding motion: that the ad hoc committee exclude past presidents currently serving on the Board. The motion passed.

Pauly moved, seconded by Bolli, to add the following amendment to the preceding motion: to clarify that the appointed committee will discuss the calling of an executive session and the content of that executive session; and discuss if the matter needs to be further addressed. The motion passed.

Bob Sterbank, Foster Garvey, advised Board on timeline, next steps, and process of the formation of the ad hoc committee.

Before the next item on the agenda, the board took the following action:

Buxton moved, seconded Pavone by to move item 8: Treasurer's Report up in the agenda, to follow President's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

6) **Treasurer's Report –** Treasurer Regan Bolli
SCA Treasurer Bolli reported on the March 25, 2025 SCA Finance Committee meeting.

a. HomeStreet Bank Accounts

Herbig moved, seconded by Linnell, to authorize the following individuals as signers for HomeStreet Bank accounts held by SCA, as directed by Board Policies:

- ***Robert Feldstein, Executive Director***
- ***Traci Buxton, President***
- ***Armondo Pavone, Vice President***
- ***Regan Bolli, Treasurer***

Bolli reported that all member city dues had been received; reported total sponsorship income received to-date; sponsorship payments received since the last meeting of the board; and status of outstanding sponsorship invoices. Executive Director Robert Felstein reported that staff continues to work on the retirement program discussion and will continue to update the Board.

There were no other updates.

7) President's Report

Buxton moved, seconded by Herbig to reconsider vote for the lived experience rep… and to recommend Christopher Carter for appointment. The motion failed.

In the interest of time, President Buxton moved to the next item on the agenda.

8) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on recent and upcoming meetings with members, sponsors, regional legislators, and community organization leaders. Roberts briefed the group on process and outcomes of discussions regarding the parks levy.

9) PIC Chair's Report

PIC Chair Chris Roberts reported on the April 9, 2025 SCA Public Issues Committee. Topics included:

a. Legislative Update
b. Wastewater Rate Proposal
c. SCA Membership Survey Findings
d. Regional Boards and Committees Update
e. Levies and Ballot Measures

Roberts reported presentation and robust discussion regarding the parks levy. Roberts noted that SCA staff gave preliminary presentation on SCA Member Survey. Robert expanded on survey results, and noted good feedback.

10) King County Parks Levy Renewal

This item was discussed earlier on the agenda.

Before the next item on the agenda, the Board took the following action:

Buxton moved, seconded by Buxton, to extend the meeting by ten minutes, to 12:10. The motion passed unanimously.

11) Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matter

At 11:47, President Buxton called a 15 minute executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Reconvened at 12:02 PM. There were no actions to report.

12) Discussion Items/Updates

a. South Caucus Board Seat Vancy
   This item was not discussed.
b. Possible Future Topics for Lunch & Learn
   This item was not discussed.

13) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.