



WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ELECTION OF OFFICERS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 17, 2023

2:30 PM

Present: Linda Shogren, George Cannon, Ian Crowe, Brad Bennett, Loren Webb, Teresa Orton, Jesse Stocking, Susan Crook and Jeanine Vander Bruggen.

The WCHS Board of Directors met to choose officers following the election of six new members to the Board at the special meeting held on May 10, 2023. The new members are Linda Shogren, George Cannon, Ian Crowe, Brad Bennett, Loren Webb, and Teresa Orton. Susan Crook, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, and Jesse Stocking will continue as Board Members through December 31, 2023. The term for the new members will be through December 31, 2024.

A list of the Board members, a copy of the current Bylaws, a copy of proposed Bylaws, a proposed organizational chart, and a list of ongoing projects was submitted to each person on the Board prior to the meeting.

The group briefly discussed the responsibilities of the board and officers, and then the meeting was open for nominations of specific officers.

George Cannon stated that officers did not need to be Board members and then proceeded to nominate Dick Kohler for president and was seconded by Ian Crowe. Ian Crowe was nominated for president by Brad Bennett, seconded by Linda Shogren. Teresa Orton was nominated for president by Jeanine Vander Bruggen. Brad Bennett seconded the nomination. However, Teresa declined to accept the nomination because of other commitments with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Dick Kohler received two votes from George Cannon and Ian Crowe.

Ian Crowe received five votes from Teresa Orton, Jesse Stocking, Linda Shogren, Loren Webb and Brad Bennett. Jeanine Vander Bruggen and Susan Crook abstained in the voting.

- Ian Crowe was elected president.

For Vice President, Linda Shogren nominated Loren Webb, but Loren later declined to accept the nomination since he had previously served as president for the past two years.

Ian Crowe nominated Brad Bennett for vice president.

Teresa Orton was then nominated for vice president by Jeanine Vander Bruggen.

Teresa Orton received seven votes so no other vote was called for Brad.

- Teresa Orton was elected vice president.

Motion was made by Jesse Stocking to appoint Loren Webb as a past president (who would advise the new incoming president). The vote was unanimous.

- Loren Webb was elected as Past President (vice president).

For both Secretary and Treasurer, it was agreed the incumbents would serve through the end of their terms as Board members.

- Jeanine Vander Bruggen to continue to serve as secretary.
- Susan Crook to continue to serve as treasurer.

Teresa Orton offered to serve as a treasurer in training to assist Susan

Jesse Stocking pointed out that the appointed positions go into effect from today (May 17, 2023) to the annual board meeting to be scheduled for January 2024.

Jeanine mentioned that the WCHS board has used Barry Clarkson, attorney, to help with reviewing the WCHS bylaws. Everyone agreed it would be prudent to continue to seek legal input. No decision was made on how to proceed at this point.

Loren Webb announced that Peggy Childs, a founding member of the Washington County Historical Society has agreed to an oral history interview in the Community Education Channel studios on Wednesday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m.

The WCHS Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 31 at 10 a.m. This will be a closed meeting.