

Minutes of the 33rd Annual Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization  
Convention Business Meeting  
Held: Friday, September 10 and final Credential and Claims Reports and  
Closing Worship with Installation of SWO Board on Saturday, September 11, 2021  
At Hotel Kirkwood Center 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa

1.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS at 7:05 PM

President Ardy Proehl asked attendees to please sign get well messages on Judy Munger and Sue Mangels GPR covers since they could not be here, their GPR booklets are out on the table. She then asked everyone to please shut off or silence their cell phones

2.0 DELEGATE ORIENTATION

President Ardy Proehl directed the delegates to pages 5 and 6 of the GPR to look over the Proposed Rules of Procedures. Voting members have a green card and a red card for voting. The green card is a yes vote and the red card a no vote. Each voting member will have 2 minutes for talking. They need to identify themselves by name, congregation and town. There may be a short business meeting on Saturday afternoon to finish up any business we do not get to today. There will be a Claims and Credentials report along with a report of the offering taken on Saturday.

3.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Ardy Proehl called the 33rd Gathering/Convention of SEIA SWO Business Meeting open and ready for the transaction of business

3.1 Opening Prayer by Ardy

3.2 Recite Purpose Statement – Stand if able, found on page 8 in the GPR

4.0 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – September 10, 2021 Time: 7:00PM

Number of the SWO Officers	4
Number of SWO Board Members	3
Number of delegates	<u>19</u>
Total eligible to vote	26

Number of non-delegates	9
Number of Program Presenters and Guests	<u>6</u>
Total in Attendance	41

4.1 Adoption of the Credential Committee Report

4.2 Credentials Report Approved.

5.0 APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

5.1 The Chair appoints Joyce Carlson as Parliamentarian of the 33 Convention of the SEIA Synodical Women's Organization Convention

5.2 Joyce will you please stand

6.0 APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION BUSINESS COMMITTEES

## 6.0 APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION BUSINESS COMMITTEES

- 6.1 Roberta Jurgensen of the Credential Committee, please stand
- 6.2 Vickie Adamson, Marcia Taylor and Kathryn Bly are the committee on the Conduct of Elections, please stand
- 6.3 Lynda Miller is the committee on Claims, please stand
- 6.4 Julie Leeper is the committee on Reference and Counsel, please stand
- 6.5 Roberta Jurgensen is the committee on Registration, please stand
- 6.6 Ardy Hinds, Lavon Heston, Romona Von Sprecken and Teresa Ziegenmeyer are the committee on Nominations, please stand

## 7.0 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE

- 7.1 Secretary Virginia Eggers presented the proposed rules listed on pages 5, 6 and 7 in the GPR
- 7.2 There was no discussion. Action: rules of procedure were adopted

## 8.0 PROPOSED AGENDA

- 8.1 The Proposed Agenda is printed on pages 9 and 10 of the GPR.
- 8.2 Question from the floor by Dianne Strickler St John of St Donatus Bellevue wondering why new business is listed before old business and Ardy said it was a typing error and that it should be old business before new
- 8.3 Action: secretary Virginia Eggers moved the adoption of the agenda with the flexibility of the Chair to reorder items as necessary, motion passed

## 9.0 INTRODUCTION OF CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE

- 9.1 Angela Bell will be our churchwide representative and she will speak with us tomorrow morning by zoom at 10:20 AM
- 9.2 Read her biography on page 13 of the GPR

## 10.0 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bio - Information on candidates running for election can be found on pages 39, 40 and 41 of the GPR and Nominating Committee advisor SWO Vice President Ardy Hinds gave the following report.

- 10.1 Nomination for the office of President - (position for 2 year term)

Carol Gruhn

- 10.2 Nomination for Secretary - (position for 2 year term)

Anne Pietscher

- 10.3 Nomination for Board Member - (position for 1 year term)

Heidi Hotvedt

- 10.4 Nominations for Board Members – have 2, need two more (position for 2 year term)

- 1. Roberta Jurgensen
- 2. Judy Munger
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ & 4. \_\_\_\_\_

- 10.5 Nomination for Nominating Committee - (position for 1 year) have 2, need 1 more
1. Ardy Proehl
  2. Teresa Ziegenmeyer
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

11.0 PRESENTATION OF BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT

- 11.1 Name on the ballot for president, Carol Gruhn
- 11.2 No nominations from the floor, so ballots were passed out
- 11.3 Chair called for everyone to vote by placing an X by the name they wish to vote for
- 11.4 Ballots collected to be counted

12.0 PRESENTATION OF BALLOT FOR SECRETARY

- 12.1 Name on the ballot for secretary, Anne Pietscher
- 12.2 No nominations from the floor, so ballots were passed out
- 12.3 Chair called for everyone to vote by placing an X by the name they wish to vote for
- 12.4 Ballots collected to be counted

13.0 PRESENTATION OF BALLOT FOR BOARD MEMBER - ONE YEAR TERM

- 13.1 Name on the ballot for board member for a one year term, Heidi Hotvedt
- 13.2 No nominations from the floor, so ballots were passed out
- 13.3 Chair called for everyone to vote by placing an X by the name they wish to vote for
- 13.4 Ballots collected to be counted

14.0 PRESENTATION OF BALLOT FOR BOARD MEMBERS - TWO YEAR TERM

- 14.1 Names on the ballot for board members for a two year term,
  1. Roberta Jurgersen
  2. Judy Munger
- 14.2 Called for nominations from the floor for two more willing volunteers
- 14.3 Wanda Miller Resurrection Ankeny nominated Kris Elgin's name be placed on the ballot after Kris volunteered and Anne Pietscher First Lutheran Keokuk 2<sup>nd</sup> motion
- 14.4 Dianne Strickler St John of St Donatus Bellevue had a question on how many board members were needed to complete the ballot
- 14.5 Virginia Eggers Secretary explained that because of two board members resigning and two board members moving up to officer positions 4 total were needed
- 14.6 Alma Chapman Trinity Tipton nominated Dianne Strickler's name be placed on the ballot after Dianne volunteered and Wanda Miller Resurrection Ankeny 2<sup>nd</sup> motion
- 14.7 Chair listed and spelled the four names to be placed on the ballot for Board Member for two year term;
  1. Roberta Jurgersen
  2. Judy Munger
  3. Kris Elgin
  4. Dianne Strickler
- 14.8 Wanda Miller Resurrection Ankeny asked if the names had to be in a certain order and the Chair said no but to please have the four names on the ballot and to vote for four by placing an X by the names they wish to vote for
- 14.9 Ballots collected to be counted

14.10 The Bio information for Kris and Dianne will be put in Directions since it was not in the GPR

15.0 PRESENTATION OF BALLOT FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ONE YEAR TERM

15.1 Names on the ballot for nominating committee

1. Ardy Proehl
2. Teresa Ziegenmeyer
3. \_\_\_\_\_

15.2 No nominations from the floor, so ballots were passed out

15.3 Chair called for everyone to vote by placing an X by the names they wish to vote for

15.4 Ballots collected to be counted

15.5 Chair said that anyone interested in being the third person on nominating committee for 2022 to please contact the SWO Board

15.6 Lavon Heston from this year's nomination committee thanked all the ladies willing to serve because of the unusual and difficult times due to the Covid 19 pandemic lock down and she hoped that things would get easier in the future

16.0 INTRODUCTION OF THE SYNODICAL WOMEN'S BOARD

16.1 Executive Board Members 2020-2021

- President Ardy Proehl
- Vice President Ardy Hinds
- Secretary Virginia Eggers
- Treasurer Lynda Miller

16.2 Board Members

- Carol Gruhn - Stewardship
- Roberta Jurgensen - Stewardship
- Judy Munger - Justice
- Vickie Adamson - Discipleship

17.0 PRESIDENT REPORT is found on pages 17, 18 of the GPR

18.0 VICE PRESIDENT REPORT is found on page 19 of the GPR

19.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT is found on pages 26 – 33 of the GPR. The SWO Board has approved the minutes of the 32 Annual Convention Business Meeting

20.0 TREASURER'S REPORT is found on pages 34 -38 of the GPR

20.01 The audits for 2020 and 2021 are found on pages 35, 36

20.02 The proposed budget for 2022-2023 is found on page 38 of the GPR.

20.03 Dianne Strickler St John of St Donatus Bellevue asked if the budget has to balance? Lynda said this is just a proposed budget and yes the board keeps the budget balanced. Lynda told attendees that the checkbook balance as of August 31 was \$8,871.82

- 20.04 Christine Schlotfeldt Gloria Dei Iowa City asked what the \* meant by the convention offering distribution line item? Lynda answered that \$200 dollars earmarked for tri-annual convention was not used and that line item was eliminated and that \$200 amount was added to convention offering distribution total
- 20.05 Lynda thanked all the participants and congregations for sending offerings in to support SWO and Churchwide ministries even through the tough time of no meetings or fund raisers because of Covid 19
- 20.06 Lynda Miller moved the proposed budget be adopted. Motion carried

21.0 ELECTION RESULTS – given by Vickie Adamson

- 21.01 Office of President – for two year term
  - Ballots Cast 25
  - Votes Cast for Carol Gruhn 25
  - Declaration of Elected Carol Gruhn

- 21.02 Office of Secretary – for two year term
  - Ballots Cast 26
  - Votes Cast for Anne Pietscher 26
  - Declaration of Elected Anne Pietscher

- 21.03 Board Member for one year term
  - Ballots Cast 26
  - Votes Cast for Heidi Hotvedt 26
  - Declaration of Elected Heidi Hotvedt

- 21.04 Four Board Members for two year term
  1. Roberta Jurgensen, Ballots Cast 26, Votes Cast 26
  2. Judy Munger, Ballots Cast 26, Votes Cast 26
  3. Kris Elgin, Ballots Cast 26, Votes Cast 26
  4. Dianne Strickler, Ballots Cast 26, Votes Cast 26
 Declaration of those Elected Roberta Jurgensen, Judy Munger, Kris Elgin, Dianne Strickler

- 21.05 Nominating Committee – one year term
  1. Ardy Proehl Ballots Cast 24, Votes Cast 24
  2. Teresa Ziegenmeyer Ballots Cast 24, Votes Cast 24
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
 Declaration of Elected Ardy Proehl, Teresa Ziegenmeyer

22.0 BOARD REPORTS - Continued

- 22.01 Stewardship Report is found on page 20 of the GPR
- 22.02 Stewardship challenge for 2020 and 2021 was collecting canceled stamps to help with Lutheran World Relief shipping costs. Roberta thanked everyone for bringing lots of stamps for her to ship
- 22.03 Discipleship Report was read by Ardy for Vickie, lifted up the successful zoom Retreat held on June 5 with bible study, LSI presentation and book reports on Justice and Wisdom

## 22.0 BOARD REPORTS - Continued

22.04 Justice Report is found on page 21 of the GPR

## 23.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHANGE TO SEIA SWO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS FOR APPROVAL

23.1 Virginia Eggers Secretary had everyone look at their copy of the Constitution and Bylaws for the Southeastern Synodical Women's Organization and discussed the items highlighted in yellow as the changes recommended to have 6 Board members and to add by virtual vote

23.2 Chair asked for any discussion and since there was none called for a vote and the changes were approved and will be adopted

## 24.0 REFERENCE AND COUNCIL REPORT

24.01 pages 24, 25 of the GPR presented by Julie Leeper St. Johns Des Moines. There was 1 Resolution brought to the meeting from committee.

24.01 Courtesy Resolution-Thanks and Recognition on page 25 of GPR was approved as adopted by the Committee on Reference and Council

## 25.0 RESOURCE PERSONS REPORTS: DIRECTIONS & COMMUNICATION TEAM

25.01 Direction report and subscription form found on pages 22, 23 of the GPR.

25.02 Directions editor Lynda Miller thanked everyone for their help of sending in news articles.

25.03 Please send in new addresses and be sure that your church ladies see Directions

25.04 Anne Pietscher First Keokuk asked if Directions could be sent by email and Lynda said in order to get the best postage rate we need 200 on the mailing list

25.05 Directions can be found on the Southeastern Synod web site and is sent out by our SEIA WELCA Communication Team to anyone that has given them an email

25.06 SEIA WELCA Communication Team Coordinator Julie Leeper said they have 95 on the email list and there is a sign-up sheet on the registration table for people to sign up to receive any information sent out

25.07 The team sends out important updates and does not share any personal information

25.08 Lynda thanked Julie for being the email Communication Coordinator and for seeing that reports and important business and SWO information gets sent out

## 26.0 BUSINESS

26.01 No Old Business

26.02 New Business

Carol Gruhn gave a report on the churchwide tri-annual meeting she Attended by zoom in August. She and Ardy Proehl both have the printed minutes of the business transacted and the pictures of the churchwide officers and board members. We will only get to send three delegates to the next 2023 tri-annual convention and that will be our president, a woman of color or has English as a second language and someone 45 years old or younger. The office of church wide has downsized to stretch limited resource funds

27.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2022 GATHERING/CONVENTION

27.01 Page 44 in the GPR

27.02 June 10 and 11 at St Paul Lutheran church 2136 Brady St Davenport

27.03 Three ladies from that church were in attendance and they stood up

28.0 CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

28.01 Anne Pietscher First Keokuk invited everyone to her church on October 9. She will have the information sent out by the Communication team email

28.02 Dianne Strickler St John of St Donatus Bellevue invited the ladies to St Paul's in Clinton on September 25

29.0 BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED

29.01 Chair asked for a motion to adjourn, Wanda Miller Resurrection Ankeny made the motion and Elaine Hites Windsor Heights Lutheran Windsor Heights seconded

29.02 Business Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. and to reconvene on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10:20 AM for the zoom talk by Angela Bell our Churchwide representative and at 1:00 PM we will have the final Reports of Credentials, Reference and Council Reports and Claims

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 BUSINESS RECONVENED 10:20 AM  
by President Ardy Proehl

30.0 CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE Angela Bell talked to us by zoom connection through the large screen in the room. She gave us a pep talk about staying strong in our faith and ministries during these challenging and changing times. The Holy Spirit is with us and she encouraged us to use our talents, thank offerings and prayers to accomplish many things working together

31.0 CREDENTIALS REPORT AT 1:00 PM

Number of the SWO Officers	4
Number of SWO Board Members	3
Number of delegates	<u>18</u>
Total eligible to vote	25

Number of non-delegates	14
Number of Program Presenters and Guests	<u>4</u>
Total in Attendance	43

31.01 Adoption of the Credential Committee Report

31.02 Credentials Report Approved

32.0 REPORT OF CLAIMS by Lynda Miller treasurer reported the following:

32.01 Offerings to date of \$1,690.00, included personal \$20.00 check to LSI

32.02 She will give the final offering report in the winter issue of Directions

33.0 CLOSING WORSHIP AND INSTALLATION OF SWO OFFICERS AND BOARD

33.01 Bishop Amy Current led the worship and installed the SWO Officers and Board

33.02 Chair asked old and new board members to please stay for pictures

33.03 Chair thanked everyone for attending and to have a safe journey home

Final business, worship and installation officially done by 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Virginia Eggers, SEIA SWO Secretary