



Minutes of the  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
March 25, 2021  
11:45 am – 1:00 pm

<b>Present:</b> Michelle Smith Amy Strok Veronica Sutton Cara Hohenstein Joanne Pegues Suzanne Tran Denny Krantz Arun Mistry Brenda Higley Meredith Taylor Angie Britt  Melissa Schwab	<b>Absent:</b> Lynda Mathews George Thomas Patti Pequin Cel Davis Emily Harvey Lisa Giangreco Gloria Masters
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**Meeting was called to order at 11:48 am**

**February board meeting minutes approved.**

**Education:** Veronica Sutton reported education events; Alyssa, “Parents who Lead” went well, Hotel Roundtable 30<sup>th</sup> in place; State of Downtown Seattle. April 1<sup>st</sup> Darien; “Pass the Gavel” on the 8<sup>th</sup>; Reach out to BP’s. Long Term Care Program scheduled for next month.

**President report:** Michelle Smith reported that 54 firms participated/registered for the Armanino. ALA confirmation; President Award of Excellence; chapter is doing everything at the local and National level, yea.

**President Elect report:** Amy Strok reported on the Elevate Award; will hear later when National announces. Currently have 35 registered for “Pass the Gavel” event. CLI; In-Person July St. Louis and Annual Conference in May is moved to October in Austin. Working on the Master Calendar; Veronica, Arun, Suzanne and Denny. Board Meetings for 2021-22 keep the same ad zoom. Melissa will send a new calendar invite. Board Retreat; May TBD but virtual.

**Business Partners:** Business Partner renewals; Waiting on Catalyst, Pillar, Fusiontek and BDO. Potential new; Heritage Bank, Venture Life & Health. Still deciding; Robert Half. Haven’t heard from; Muchmore Consulting, NITA, Flinn Ferguson. Dropped; SurePoint aka Rippe & Kingston. New BPs this year are Iconic at the Gold Level, and I think Heritage Bank will be signing up as well – level yet to be determined. Virtual Orientation on April 7<sup>th</sup>, I would have Melissa send an invite to all BPs who have paid or committed (unpaid) and Board Members as well as reach out personally via email to invite the new BPs. Ricoh, who dropped last year, see if interested this year. Others who have not responded are: Flinn Ferguson, Muchmore, Robert Half and NITA.

**Membership:** Meredith Taylor reported 9 new members in the first three months of 2021; 6 law, 2 HR and 1 welcome back. 177 members total, 11 dropped to date but renewals still coming in.

**Board Reports:** Denny Krantz reported that last year’s virtual D&I 2-part breakfast series with Erin was a hit; hold the same type this year and open to all. This year hold a 4-part series in June; 9:00 – 10:00 am. Focus on Diversity issues. Ideas; Rebuilding in Seattle, Virtual Tour Historic Hotel, International District; Disability accommodations; Trans speaker. Presentation vs Groups; 1 for disability – Prevail work placement. Add D&I page on the website. Brenda Higley reported

that the Eastside section is recruiting members, reached out to members to see who wants to join. Get normal, consistency to meetings. Angie Britt reported they are having a zoom each month, going good with 3-5 small groups. Covid has enhanced relationships of the group. Cara Hohenstein reported that the financials are looking good. Spent more on speakers but with Covid and virtual it was a must. Will review 2021-22 budget on the April call.

**Action Items:**

- Member password March 31<sup>st</sup> – Melissa
- 2021-22 Board Meetings – Melissa
- 2021 – 22 Budget - Cara

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm**

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 28, 2021**