

RABA BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Andy Dutcher, Nandini Joshi, David LaTart, Liz Meacham, Jim Patton, Lori VanDerlinde, Bettyann Schmitz, Denise Slattery, and Doug Bradley. ABSENT: Ken Knight

- I. Ken Knight has pneumonia and is in Highland Hospital
- II. Two new board members are present: Denise Slattery and Liz Meacham
- III. The minutes of the previous meeting omitted to indicate that we approved the expenditure for Simply Voting. With that addition, the minutes of previous meeting were accepted. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Officers for the coming year were elected unanimously:
  - President: Jim Patton
  - Treasurer: Ken Knight
  - Secretary: Andy Dutcher
  - Vice President: Ken Knight
  - Member-at-Large: Nandini Joshi
- V. President's Report:
  - The President's Report was sent by e-mail before tonight's meeting.
  - The JCC on Edgewood Avenue in Brighton has been chosen as at the site of the regional tournament in summer of 2023
  - It is imperative that Board Members encourage support for the local games, the sectionals and regional in 2023
  - We netted \$848 at the October sectional and \$938 at the July sectional
  - Brian Meyer from Buffalo has the dates for next year's sectionals, but we don't know if we'll be able to get him as the sectional director
  - It was suggested that the sectionals begin at 10 AM instead of 10:30 AM; one benefit of an earlier start is that lunch will be held at a more normal lunch hour; we need to separate lunch from the end of the 499er game; fruit purchased from Wegmans and cut up by board members was very popular with the sectional participants. All suggestions received positive feedback from those in attendance.
  - The board approved the following expenditures: \$253.60 for Simply Voting, \$448 for the duplicator, \$86 for shipping of the same and \$129.59 for the printer toner cartridge
  - David moved and Denise seconded that there be three sectionals in 2023, all at the Gates Town Hall. This was unanimously approved. There will be a chairperson and assistant to the chair at each sectional. Liz will chair the spring sectional, with Lori as assistant to the chair. Denise will chair the summer sectional with Ken as assistant. David will be chair of the fall sectional with Andy as assistant.
- VIII. The chairs of the following teams were announced:
  - Nominating committee: David and Ken
  - Publication committee: Doug, Lori and Jim
  - Awards: Nandini
  - Mentoring: Sally Hill and Roger Woodin
  - Sunshine: Denise

David moved and Andy seconded the motion to make \$50 available to Denise for anticipated "Sunshine" expense. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. Andrew Dutcher