

OANA General Meeting Minutes — 5/25/17

Around thirty people attended the General Meeting held on May 25th to elect new Board members. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by outgoing President Mike Pechon, who led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike then introduced the incoming Officers, all of whom ran unopposed and were therefore automatically elected:

- Barry Lemoine, President
- Charlie LeSage, Vice President
- Alison Barrios, Treasurer
- Linda Van Aman, Secretary

The candidates for Board were announced, and those who were present spoke briefly about why they wished to serve. Written statements from those who were unable to attend were read. The nominees, five of whom would be elected, were:

- Troy Barrios
- Sal Cusimano
- Shelli LaFrance Gifford
- Jenifer Heintz
- Jan Hirschey
- Ray Lauga
- Deborah Lavender
- Kelly McCartney

In addition to the election, the ballot contained an optional non-binding questionnaire asking for current members' opinions on several issues that the Organization will be facing in the future: classes of members, voting and non-voting categories, how to spend funds, ideas for committees, and other feedback. The answers will be used by the new Board to help move the OANA forward.

While the votes were being counted, Councilman Gillis McCloskey updated the attendees on various Parish items of interest: progress on the St. Bernard Highway bike trail; delays in the St. Claude beautification project caused by State Highway work still underway; efforts to bring the recently-removed PGT Beauregard statue to St. Bernard; soccer meets being held at the Community Playground; and a meeting he had with US Rep. Scalise to express concerns about how the locks project will affect us.

The voting results were announced, and the five Board members elected were Troy Barrios, Sal Cusimano, Jenifer Heintz, Ray Lauga and Kelly McCartney.

Incoming President Barry Lemoine thanked the outgoing Officers, President Mike Pechon and Treasurer Maegan Dobson, for their many years of service, as well as all the members who attended for their interest and participation.

Names were drawn for door prizes -- two bottles of wine and a cookbook -- and the meeting was adjourned shortly before 8:00.