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**Governing Council Meeting
March 11, 2020
Conference Call**

Minutes

The ACA Governing Council conference call meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 2:05pm ET. President Heather Trepal presided. Governing Council members present for all or part of the meeting were as follows:

Heather Trepal, President
Sue Pressman, President-elect
Simone Lambert, Past President
Thelma Duffey, Treasurer
Kathy Ybanez-Llorente, Parliamentarian
Judy Daniels, Process Observer
Richard Yep, CEO, Ex-officio
Donna Gibson, Governing Council Representative, AARC
Hayley Stulmaker, Governing Council Representative, ACAC
Stella Beatriz Kerl-McClain, Governing Council Representative, ACC
Monica Osburn, Governing Council Representative, ACCA
Marty Jencius, Governing Council Representative, ACES
Mark Scholl, Governing Council Representative, AHC
Jane Rheineck, Governing Council Representative, ALGBTIC
Carlos Hipolito-Delgado, Governing Council Representative, AMCD
Paige Nicole Dunlap, Governing Council Representative, ARCA
Elizabeth O'Brien, Governing Council Representative, ASERVIC
Edil Torres Rivera, Governing Council Representative, CSJ
Paul Peluso, Governing Council Representative, IAMFC
Dannette Berksteiner, Governing Council Representative, MGCA
Lisa Severy, Governing Council Representative, NCDA
Seneka Arrington, Governing Council Representative, NECA
Jason Marotzke, Governing Council Representative, Midwest Region
Summer Reiner, Governing Council Representative, North Atlantic Region
Melanie J. Drake Wallace, Governing Council Representative, Southern Region
Elizabeth Forsyth, Governing Council Representative, Western Region

Wendy Killam, Governing Council Representative, AADA; Jonathan Orr, Governing Council Representative, ASGW; Leigh Falls Holman, Governing Council Representative, IAAOC; Laura Pignato, Governing Council Student Representative were not present.

Others in attendance at the meeting as staff or observers include:

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Dave Jackson, Chief Financial Officer
Natasha Rankin, Chief Operations Officer
Tiffany Erickson, Chief Communications and Engagement Officer
Amy Smith, Governance Administrator
Brandi McIntyre, Governance and Executive Office Manager

Welcome and Chair's Remarks

President Trepal welcomed the Governing Council to the urgent call and expressed the extreme nature of the call.

Executive Session

- It was moved by M. Jencius and seconded by M. Drake Wallace to enter into executive session with staff present.
MOTION CARRIED

- It was moved by C. Hipolito-Delgado and seconded by M. Jencius to re-enter Regular Session.
MOTION CARRIED

The state of the 2020 ACA Conference and Expo and COVID-19 was discussed during Executive Session.

Motion to cancel the ACA 2020 Conference and Expo.

- It was moved by M. Jencius and seconded by M. Drake Wallace to cancel this year's (2020) Conference and Expo based on the declared COVID-19 pandemic for the safety of our members.

- It was moved by C. Hipolito-Delgado and seconded by D. Gibson to amend the motion to include pending evaluation of the Financial Affairs Committee.
MOTION CARRIED

- It was moved by M. Jencius and seconded by M. Drake Wallace to cancel this year's (2020) Conference and Expo based on the declared COVID-19 pandemic for the safety of our members pending evaluation of the Financial Affairs Committee.
MOTION CARRIED

President Trepal stated that after the Governing Council call, there would be an emergency Financial Affairs Committee call. The Governing Council is scheduled reconvene March 12 via conference call at 2:20pm for a final vote on the conference.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the ACA Governing Council meeting adjourned at 2:51pm.