

APROA Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes
September 8, 2021

1. Roll Call of Offices

President	George Vanderhule -
Past President	Tommie Haffelder
Vice President	Elizabeth Merrill -
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone
Sgt. at Arms	Baby Ruth Bullock -
Board 1	Gary Rosch
Board 2	John Sisson
Board 3	Dennis Farris
Board 4	Jimmy Brown

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Haffelder to accept the minutes of the July 14th, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting as written, second by Rosch..

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

3. Old Business

We are booked for Saturday October 23, 2021 at the Creedmoor Community Center, 12511 FM 1625, Creedmoor, Texas 78610, for our next Social.

We are booked for Saturday April 9, 2022 at the Creedmoor Community Center, 12511 FM 1625, Creedmoor, Texas 78610, for our 2022 Social.

4. New Business

Jim O'Leary Addressed the Board in regards to the Benevolent Fund, which was started in 1989 by Ken Mathers. The Benevolent Fund is to be shut down and the money left in the fund needs to be turned over to another Non Profit. O'leary suggested the funds be turned over to the APROA with the funds earmarked to maintain and upkeep the Austin Police Memorial built at the Training Academy.

Motion made by Dennis Farris for the APROA to take over the funds earmarked for the Police Memorial to maintain and upkeep, any request for funds must be approved following the guidelines set up for the funds. Second by Baby Ruth.

Election Rules: As we have not had a contested race before we need to set up a procedure to allow Candidates to relate to the members why they are running for office. Using the Retirement Systems policy each Candidate must file a Statement of Interest to serve on the Board. That Statement of Interest is posted on the Web Site along with a photo of the candidate. If we adopt this as a policy for this election we will be on a strict time deadline as all ballots must be mailout by October 1st. We could set September 15th at deadline for all Statement of Interest from Candidates which would allow time to get these posted on the website well before the ballots are mailed out.

The election rules were presented to the Board, discussed, and the below rules were the end result of the discussion.

Motion was made by Malone to approve the Election Rules, second by Rosch.
Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote

Austin Police retired Officers Association Election Rules for 2021 Election

1. Statement of Interest - All candidates in a contested race, must file a Statement of Interest by September 15th to serve on the Board.

a. The Statement of Interest will be limited to one page, will introduce the candidate to the voters and state his or her reasons for wanting to serve on the Board. As an option a candidate may include a photo for publishing on the system web site. If no photo is included the current Board photo will be used.

b. The System will communicate the candidates' Statements of Interest to the membership by posting those materials on the System website in the order the candidate will appear on the ballot.

c. For APROA members who have no e-mail address on file with the APROA, we would treat them as members with no internet service and mail out the Statement of Interest from each candidate by US mail

2. Candidate placement on ballot

a. When nominations for office are closed, a drawing shall be held for each contested race for placement on ballot.

b. The names all all candidates in each race will be placed in a container, one position at a time, and drawn out one at a time with first draw to be top position on ballot and so on.

Robert Gross reported that he had attended the 8-8-21 Special Called APA Board Meeting

Carl Zimmerman reported that Tyler Link had resigned from APD to work for the Austin Police Retirement System.

Vanderhule brought up the Social Media position Dennis Farris he did not set up the parameters for that position. Vanderhule indicated he got an e-mail from Shannon Ryan regarding a tweet she got about the motor units. Vanderhule stated he knew nothing about the tweet so he could not comment. Vanderhule went on to report that he got short notice on a news conference for Save Austin Now, which he could not attend due to the short notice. He indicated that he spoke to Don Baker, APA Pac Chairman and Don told him he had two days notice. Vanderhule indicated he needed more notice for news conferences and needed to approve statements being send out for the APROA.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Rosch, second by Sisson.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote. - Meeting Adjourned

Randy Malone - Secretary/Treasurer