

**National Costumers Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
Crowne Plaza – Columbus Downtown  
July 22, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 by Karen Grizzard, President.

The president welcomed everyone and thanked the committees for their contributions to the conference. Karen recognized the honored guests: past presidents, honorary life members, and past Harrelson Awards recipients.

It was motioned, seconded, and unanimous to accept the January 2016 minutes.

Karen read the In Memoriam names.

**Membership**

Marion gave an update on membership numbers. Membership numbers are down, 287. Will be working extra hard to get these back up.

**Financial Report**

Dorothy gave an update on the finances for Jane.

**Conference Host**

Wendy thanked everyone for coming and enjoyed having us.

**Hospitality**

Terri gave Janine's update: There is \$3,825 in the hospitality fund. Rubies, Forum, Disguise, Stage Frights, Smiffys, West Bay, HALCO, Arne's Fun Shop, Performance Studios, Alexander's

**Supercharged**

Hope everyone enjoyed it. Office is working hard to get new plots (284) uploaded to website.

**Auction**

Pam noted online auction closes at 5:00 p.m. Auction here will close after dinner, 8:00 p.m. Everyone will need to pay and pick up their items at the end of the conference.

**Memorial Scholarships**

Had 32 applicants, 4 recipients (add recipients names).

**Student Event**

Tie between Iris, Carly, and Annette won the \$500 scholarships. Jenny and Olivia will get free memberships.

**Awards**

Harold Palmer Award – someone who has overcome adversity personally or professionally. The award was presented to Terri Greenberg, nominated by Janine Caulfield.

### **Nominations Report**

Linda noted that Janine will be the Vice President but will not become president. Marion nominated Linda Adams-Foat for Director. Linda accepted the nomination to stay on the board. It was motioned, seconded, and approved to close nominations.

Marion Bradley – President  
Janine Caulfield – Vice President  
Dwayne Ibsen – Director  
Gene Flaharty – Director

### **Buyers Group Report**

Platinum Level – 4  
Gold Level – 4  
Silver – 36

Gary noted it is a decrease of 15 members in the past 3 years. Gary asked everyone to let the vendors know that you saw them from the NCA to show value of membership. Gary noted that Morris stores joined as a member and usually are an honorary life member. Leg Avenue came back on this year. There was discussion around inviting dancewear vendors to the NCA. Glenn asked people to let him and Gary know who they would like to reach out to. Discussion around HPE and the future of it.

### **Publications**

#### **Plot Service**

#### **Time & Place**

Discussion around where and how NCA should do future conferences. Positive feedback on the 2017 length of time.

#### **Vote to Elect New Board Members**

It was motioned, seconded, and unanimous to approve the new officials.

#### **New Business**

It was asked if the NCA Facebook page is now postable. Dorothy said we can try it again to see if we continue to get spammed.

It was reminded that the 2017 business meeting will be at the HPE show on Saturday, January 13, 2017.

Marion let everyone know if you would like to be a spotlight and he would be happy to feature you store. Dorothy noted his phone number is in *The Costumer*. It was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.