

**Westerners International
Special Executive Board Meeting
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

November 19, 2016

The Westerners International Special Executive Board Meeting, at the home of Kent & Cheryl McInnis, came to order at 6:00 p.m. with Kent McInnis, Chairman of the Board, presiding.

Board Members Present: Kent McInnis, Cheryl McInnis, Juti Winchester, Bill Deupree, Fred Marvel, Mary Marvel, Dennis Noble, Sandi Noble, John Marshall, Harvey Pratt, & Rodney Goddard.

Board Members Voting by Proxy: John Heisch, Don Reeves, Rodger Harris, & Matt DeSpain.

Guests: Bob White & Janie Deupree.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum of 15 being present or by proxy for the executive board meeting, the chair moved approval. Juti Winchester seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Kent McInnis introduced a motion that reads as follows:

To move the Westerners International Home Ranch to Canyon, Texas, under the sponsorship of the Palo Duro Corral of Amarillo, Texas, and the Goodnight Corral of Canyon, Texas.

Bill Deupree seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Kent McInnis introduced three separate motions:

1. *To accept the resignation of those board members who wish to terminate their tenure as of December 31, 2016.*

Rodney Goddard seconded. Bill Deupree asked if we needed to request agreement from board members currently absent from the meeting? Kent McInnis responded that they have until December 31st to make their wishes to the contrary known. Kent McInnis added that he we try to contact them if possible, otherwise they would be off the board at the end of the year. Rodney Goddard, along with Juti Winchester, Kent McInnis, and Cheryl McInnis agreed to remain on the executive board to maintain continuity during the transition of leadership. Motion passed unanimously.

2. *To add new executive board members from Amarillo, Canyon, and surrounding areas around Texas: - Rodney Laubhan, Jim Jennings, Dr. J. Paul Matney, and Ken Pirtle.* Harvey Pratt seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

3. *To approve Juti Winchester for a second two-year term (2017 & 2018) as Westerners International President.*

Alluding to comments from the previous meeting in October, Kent McInnis repeated that his only selection for an elective position in his tenure as chairman was Juti Winchester to be WI president. Her election was very timely, as we soon learned we would have to leave our home at the National Cowboy Museum. She immediately became a valuable resource as she made contacts with other Westerners throughout our organization. He strongly urged her election for a second term as WI president. Cheryl McInnis seconded. Being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Deupree added a note of thanks on behalf of the entire executive board to our outgoing chairman.

As a last act, the chairman called Ken Pirtle of the Palo Duro Corral in Amarillo, Texas, to give him a report of the unanimous vote of the executive board to relocate the WI Home Ranch to Canyon, Texas. After a detailed report of our other pertinent motions, Ken Pirtle requested that Kent McInnis remain as acting chairman during the period of transition, noting that a new chairman needs to see how the job is done before agreeing to assume the duties. He was assured that no one would leave them until they were well versed in the duties involved. Ken Pirtle stated that he was humbled and honored, realizing that his group was assuming these important responsibilities of Westerners International leadership. After hanging up the telephone, Kent McInnis declared these proceedings closed.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned later that evening when the last Westerner left the house.

Sincerely,

Kent McInnis, Chairman