

ND Grape and Wine Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

7 February, 2015

Radisson Inn, Bismarck, ND

Meeting was called to order at 3:47 PM by President Greg Kreiger.

Secretaries' report was read by Secretary Paul Anderson. Motion made by Harlene Hatterman-Valenti and seconded by Jeff Kopp to approve. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Don Thiel. Motion made by Harlene Hatterman-Valenti and seconded by Gregg Cook to approve. Motion passed.

Motion made by Greg Cook and seconded by Don Thiel to make the following change to the NDGWA:

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1. The Officers of this corporation shall be elected by a majority of the members at the annual membership meeting following the election of board members as described in Article V. Officers shall serve for a term of one year. The following Officers of this corporation shall be elected: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. ~~The election as one of these four Officers shall also elect the individual to the Board. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall in all cases be Board members, but any~~ Only Board members are eligible to serve in the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Any other Officers appointed by the Board shall not be required to be members of the Board or of the NDGWA.

Current

~~Deleted~~

Added

Motion passed.

President Kreiger introduced Rod Hogen, nominating committee chairman. He also stated there were 4 board seats up for election. Incumbents Cheryl Elliot, Don Thiel, Paul Anderson will be leaving the board and not running for reelection. Rod made the following nominations for the board:

Randy Albrect, Stan Hanson, Bob Thaden, and incumbent Allan Fuller. President Krieger asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none,

each member except Allan Fuller who was absent gave a brief description of their tie to the grape and wine industry or hobby. At this point Val Anderson made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the 4 nominees. Gregg Cook seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

New Business:

Motion by Mark Vining: The Board shall have the authority to appoint an Ex-officio Board Member, the term of such appointment shall expire on the date of the first board meeting following the annual membership meeting. The Ex-officio member shall be a non-voting membership. In the case of the Ex-officio vacancy, for any reason, the board may by majority vote choose a successor to serve for the remainder of the term. Second by Don Thiel. After discussion motion was tabled.

Presentation of the wine contest awards were made by Gregg Cook. Results were:

2015 Wine Competition Results

Professional Wine Judged

This year six wineries submitted twenty different wines for judging in the inaugural professional wine judging competition. The wines were evaluated by a panel of judges using the [American Wine Society](#) 20 point evaluation system. In total 5 silver and 9 bronze medals were awarded.
(GOLD, 18-20; Silver, 15-17; Bronze, 12-14)

Bear Creek Winery
Petite Pearl – Silver

Dakota Sun Gardens
Black Currant – Bronze
Chocolate Cherry – Bronze
Chocolate Raspberry – Silver
Haskap – Bronze
Honey Mead – Bronze
Marquette – Bronze
Plum – Bronze

Prairiewood Winery
LaCrescent – Bronze

Tongue River Winery
Black Currant – Silver

Frontenac Trio Rosé – Bronze
LaCrescent – Silver

Wolf Creek Winery

Apple – Silver
Aronia – Bronze

People's Choice Awards

The People's Choice awards is categorized into five categories for grape wines and five categories for non-grape wines. The wines are tasted blind by attendees of the annual conference and the most votes in each category are awarded a people's choice award.

Professional

White Grape

Tongue River Winery – LaCrescent

Red Grape

Bear Creek Winery – Petite Pearl

Rosé Grape

no entries

Grape Blend

Tongue River Winery – Frontenac Trio Rosé

Dessert Grape

no entries

Stone Fruit

Dakota Sun Gardens – Plum

Berry Fruit

Dakota Sun Gardens – Haskap
Tongue River Winery – Black Currant

Honey Mead

Dakota Sun Gardens – Honey Mead

Other Non-Grape

Wolf Creek Winery – Apple

Non-Grape Dessert

Dakota Sun Gardens – Chocolate Raspberry

Hobbyist

White Grape

Mark and Nancy Lunde – Frontenac Blanc

Red Grape

Greg Krieger – Frontenac/Marachel Foch/Sabervois

Rosé Grape

Bryon Severson – Frontenac/Marquette

Grape Blend

Bryon Severson – Petite Pearl/Fronenac/Marquette/Wild Grape

Dessert Grape

Chateau Moravia – LaCrescent

Stone Fruit

Robert Drown – Apricot/Pear

Robert Drown – Chokecherry

Berry Fruit

Mark Kok – Huckleberry

Honey Mead

no entries

Other Non-Grape

Steve Sagaser – Strawberry/Rhubarb

Non-Grape Dessert

Mark Vining – Apple Ice

The people's choice competition took place from 6-7 PM on Friday evening, 6 Feb.

President Krieger introduced Rod Hogen, Nominating Committee Chairman, to offer up nominations for NDGWA officers for the next year. Rod placed the following nominations before the membership:

President: Mark Vining

Treasurer: Gregg Cook

Secretary: Steve Sagaser

There not being a nominee from the committee for Vice President, Bob Thaden was nominated from the floor.

There were no further nominations from the floor.

Mary Jo Wagar made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the officers. It was seconded by Kathy Weiderholt and passed by a voice vote.

The chair was turned over to incoming President Mark Vining. He made a thank you to Steve Sagaser Chairman of the Annual Meeting committee and vice chairpersons Cheryl Elliot and Gregg Cook for the excellent job of setting up and managing the Annual Meeting. This was followed by an introduction of Rod Hogen who presented a token of appreciation to outgoing board members, Cheryl Elliot, Don Thiel, and Paul Anderson.

President Vining announced the next meeting of the NDGWA board will be at 3 PM on 13 Feb. at Loftsgard Hall on the NDSU campus. Members were welcomed to attend in person or by call-in.

Don Thiel made a motion to adjourn at 4:38 PM, it was seconded by Paul Anderson and passed by a voice vote.

Minutes prepared by Paul Anderson, Secretary 9 February 2015