

HARBOR BRANCH OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE

FOUNDATION

Minutes

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
2nd Floor Boardroom, Johnson Education Center
February 10, 2017
4:30 pm

PRESENT: Michael Brown, Sr.; C. Amos Bussmann*; Joe Duke*; Dr. Joseph Ferro*; Nancy Higgs; Marilyn C. Link*; Mary Beth McDonald*; Michael D. Minton, Chair; Mike O'Reilly, Vice Chair; John Papa*; Sherry Plymale*; Marjorie Raines, Treasurer; William J. Stewart, Esq., Secretary/Legal Counsel; Michael Toner, Vice Chair

ABSENT: Dr. Anton Post

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Dutton, Director of Operations; Katha Kissman, President & CEO

*participated virtually

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Minton at 4:35 pm.

Resignation of Chair

Michael Minton verbalized his resignation per his letter of Feb. 6, 2016 sent to Bill Stewart and elaborated on his reasons and timing. He noted it has been a great honor to serve on the Board and to serve as its Chair since January 2016. The motion to regrettfully accept Michael Minton's resignation as Chair passed unanimously.

Election of Chair

The motion to elect Vice Chair Mike O'Reilly as Chair passed unanimously. As his first order of business, Chair O'Reilly thanked Michael Minton for his admirable service as Chair and noted with gratitude that the Foundation will still have access to his knowledge and expertise as a board member.

Other Business

Mike Toner reported on a positive meeting held between the Foundation (Katha Kissman, Debbie Dutton, Colleen Brennan and himself) and HBOI (Dr. Anton Post, Patrick Boles, and Dr. Paul Wills) regarding the revision and release of the Aquaculture and SOS SLP Request for Proposals based on funds available per the Foundation's revised SLP process. Funds will be used for the second year of two projects: Aquaculture's *Advancement of Land-based Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture* and Save Our Seas' *The Indian River Lagoon Observatory (IRLO): Ecosystem Foundation of a Nationally Important Estuary in Transition*. Remaining funds in SOS will be the amount available and noted in an competitive HBOI RFP. It was noted the RFP will be released to the Faculty on Monday.

Michael Minton shared the news that Florida CFO Jeff Atwater resigned to take the job as CFO of FAU.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.