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NEVADA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Nevada Commission for Women
May 24, 2022
Summary Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order- Vice Chair Ann Silver
2. Roll Call- Administrative Assistant Liz Smith
Present: Ann Silver, Dionne Proper, Heather Engle, Jennifer Rogers Markwell, Mishon Montgomery, Nichole Loar, Marla Turner
Others Present: Katie Armstrong, Liz Smith
Excused Absent: Jo Etta Brown, Richann Bender
Unexcused Absent: Victoria Ruiz-Marin
3. Public Comment- Vice Chair Ann Silver
4. Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2022, Nevada Commission for Women Meeting- Vice Chair Ann Silver (**For Possible Action**)

Commissioner Mishon Montgomery moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

5. Update: NCFW Pay Parity Project- Vice Chair Ann Silver (**For Possible Action**)

Vice Chair Ann Silver stated that the Women's Bureau will be speaking on pay parity during the 2022 National Association of Commission for Women Conference during July. She also suggested asking members of the 2023 Legislature to sponsor language regarding pay parity. Commissioner Marla Turner will be reaching out to Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro to address pay parity and she will provide the Commission with an update at their next meeting.

6. Update on hosting 2022 National Association of Commission for Woman Conference in Reno, NV from July 24th to July 28th and discussion on Memorandum of Understanding- Vice Chair Ann Silver (**For Possible Action**)

Vice Chair Ann Silver stated that the 2022 National Association of Commission for

Women Conference will be held at the Atlantis Casino in Reno, NV and that she is selecting the speakers for the three days of the conference. These speakers will either be in person or through zoom. The theme of the conference is “this is our time.” Monday’s topic will be women influencers and leaders, Tuesday’s topic will be advocacy, and Wednesday’s topic will be self-care and wellness. On Monday women owned businesses will be able to have booths to sell merchandise during the conference. On Tuesday there will be an afternoon tour with box lunches provided by the Chamber of Commerce, the tour will consist of going to the Stewart Indian School, afterwards there will be a tour of the State Capitol where guests can see the Governor’s Office and stand on the Great Seal of NV the tour will end with the NV State Museum. The Chamber of Commerce will also be covering bus fees. Vice Chair Silver stated that the Chair of the National Commission for Women is still deciding what they want to do for meals, they might provide breakfast and lunch, then guests will have to pay for their own dinner. The Chair is also considering doing a dinner gathering for the first night of the conference. The departure date for the conference will either be the 27th or 28th. Director Laura Freed asked Commissioners to email NCFW@admin.nv.gov in order to get a tentative headcount of which NV Commissioners will be attending the conference. She also asked that Vice Chair Silver contact Mary-dith to get the package cost. The Vegas Commissioners registration and accommodations will be covered by the Commission. Vice Chair Silver announced to Senator Rosen’s staff who were in attendance that she would like to have Senator Rosen attend as a speaker on Tuesday July 26th between 10:30am and 12:00pm. Vice Chair Silver will also reach out to Senator Cortez Masto to have her attend as a speaker as well. The amount of people attending the conference has not been established at this time, their zoom conferences were around a hundred participants and as of now they are estimating about 80 participants. Commissioners were asked to email suggestions for speakers to Vice Chair Silver regarding wellness and women’s health day on Wednesday July 27th. Vice Chair Silver stated we want a strong agenda and are willing to fly a speaker in from Las Vegas, NV.

7. Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada: STEM project and possible guest speaker at the 2022 National Association of Commission for Women Conference. - Commissioner Jennifer Rogers Markwell (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Jennifer Rogers Markwell stated that having a speaker from the girl scouts attend the conference would be an opportunity to share what young women are doing in our community as a statewide advancement into STEM and that she would like to highlight that girl scouts is much more than crafts and cookies. Vice Chair Ann Silver stated that she can add them in as a speaker on women influencers and leaders’ day which is Monday July 25th, the time would be at 3:45pm and the presentation time would be for 45 minutes.

8. Update: Social Media report and Commissioners social media posts. - Vice Chair Ann

Silver (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Dionne Proper stated that the Commission should start looking at an engagement strategy and getting a volunteer to help with this strategy.

Commissioner Marla Turner suggested having an intern from a high school or college help with this and earn credit for their help. Commissioner Proper will work on the details for the internship.

9. Commissioner Updates

10. Public Comment- Vice Chair Ann Silver

Director Laura Freed stated that Chair Jo Etta Brown and Commissioner Richann Bender will be terming out in June and that they are in their second term so they cannot be reappointed. Vice Chair Ann Silver and Commissioner Heather Engle's first term end in June and they are eligible to apply for a second term. Termed out Commissioners are asked to attend until appointments are replaced by the Governor's Office. If anyone would like to apply to serve on the Commission, they can go to the Governor's website and fill out an application.

11. Adjournment

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