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**MINUTES**  
**Iowa Commission on the Status of Women**  
**June 4, 2015, Phone Conference**

**Commissioners present for some or all of the meeting**

Rachelle Hunt Russian, Chair, 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Selection Committee  
Phyllis Peters, Chair, Iowa Commission on the Status of Women  
Sherill Whisenand  
Tom Carnahan  
Beth Coonan

**Commissioners Absent**

David Gudenkauf  
Aaron Sewell

**DHR/ICSW staff**

Kristen Corey, Program Planner, Office on the Status of Women  
Brayton Deprey, Intern, Office on the Status of Women

**Call to order**

Chair Phyllis Peters called the meeting to order at 12:39 pm. She explained the purpose for the conference call and turned the meeting over to the chair of the Hall of Fame selection committee, Rachelle Hunt Russian.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of selected Hall of Fame Inductees and Cristine Wilson Medal Recipient**

Commissioner Hunt Russian gave a brief background of the process, confirmed that all commissioners had received short biographies of the selected honorees and asked if anyone had any questions. There were no questions.

The four honorees selected by the 2015 Hall of Fame Selection Committee were Lt. General Michelle D. Johnson, Joyce Ann Boone Chapman, Marsha K. Ternus, and Linda K. (Kinney) Neuman. The person selected to receive the Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice was Senator Tom Harkin.

**Motion to approve the 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame nominees and Cristine Wilson medal recipient as presented by the 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame selection committee:**

Commissioner Hunt Russian made a motion to approve the nominees and Cristine Wilson medal recipient. Commissioner Coonan seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Commissioners asked if the committee considered if the selection committee gave consideration to balance based on geography and other factors.

Commissioner Coonan stated that the committee focused on the Hall of Fame selection criteria which gave no consideration or reference to political affiliations.

Chair Peters stated that the report by committee can be altered by the commissioners. Peters added that there is no requirement to induct four honorees into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame, and that there is no requirement to award the Cristine Wilson medal every year.

**Motion to accept the original motion as presented:**

Peters asked, based on discussion, if there was a desire to amend the motion.

Commissioner Whisenand called the question to proceed to a vote on the motion made by Hunt Russian and seconded by Coonan to approve the 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame nominees and 2015 Cristine Wilson medal recipient.

Aye: 3 (Carnahan, Hunt Russian, Coonan)

No: 1 (Whisenand)

Abstain: 1 (Peters)

Motion failed.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Carnahan moved a motion adjourn the meeting. Rachelle Hunt Russian seconded the motion to adjourn.

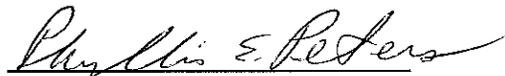
Aye: 5

No: 0

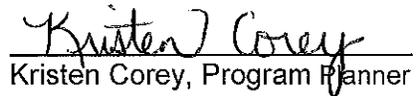
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Phyllis Peters, Chair



Kristen Corey, Program Planner