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MINUTES
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women
June 5, 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
David Gudenkauf
Beth Coonan
Aaron Sewell
Tom Carnahan

Commissioners Absent

None

DHR/ICSW staff

Kristen Corey, Program Planner, Office on the Status of Women

Call to order

Chair Peters called the meeting to order at 4:47 pm and explained the purpose for the conference call. She turned the meeting over to the chair of the 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame selection committee commissioner Hunt Russian.

Approval of selected Hall of Fame Inductees and Cristine Wilson Medal Recipients

Commissioner Hunt Russian asked Corey to amend the June 5, 2015 agenda wording to read Report from the 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame committee regarding the selected 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame honorees and Cristine Wilson Medal recipient, instead of "Approval of selected Hall of Fame Inductees and Cristine Wilson Medal Recipients.

Peters made the motion to change the wording as commissioner Hunt Russian suggested. Commissioner Hunt Russian seconded the motion.

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Report from the 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame committee regarding the selected 2015 Iowa Women's hall of Fame honorees and Cristine Wilson Medal recipient

Commissioner Hunt Russian gave a brief a background of the process the committee used to select the honorees and award recipients. She 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 Hall of Fame Selection Committee were Lt. General Michelle D. Johnson, Joyce Ann Boone Chapman, Marsha K. Ternus, and Linda K. (Kinney) Neuman. The selected Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice was Senator Tom Harkin.

Hunt Russian suggested that the commission vote on each individual separately. Coonan and Whisenand agreed that this made sense.

Commissioner Whisenand asked if the selection committee had discussed connections between proposed honorees.

Commissioner Coonan added that each candidate was considered individually without discussion of interrelatedness that may exist.

Commissioner Whisenand asked about future eligibility if proposed honorees are not selected in 2015. Commissioner Coonan stated that each person's nomination for the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame stays active for three years. Chair Peters added that the Cristine Wilson award is more organic and the committee, previous staff and previous Iowa Women's Hall of Fame committees came up with an ad hoc list of potential Cristine Wilson recipients.

Hunt Russian gave an overview of this year's nominations and the process the commission used to select the 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame honorees. She stated that the committee reviewed 20 nomination packets whose professional backgrounds were varied. Before the committee came together to meet, each individual was asked to review all of the content from the packets. Everyone put forth four or five names, put them on the board, talked about why their selections were good candidates and went through a process of indicating who had similar experiences when they read through the nomination packets and picked who they thought rose to the top. There were several series of discussions about individuals until we came to this number.

Peters added that of the 20 names in the pool, five expire this year, five expire next year, and 10 were new this year.

Commissioner Carnahan added that when he serves, he does not look at how long the person has been nominated. He thinks the selection committee's job is to pick the best individuals of the names presented to them. Carnahan added that the process that the committee used this year did not differ from the process used in other years. Carnahan stated that the commission has never chosen less than four Iowa Women's Hall of Fame honorees and felt that the four the committee selected were worthy.

Motion to induct Joyce Boone Chapman into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame

Coonan made the motion to induct Joyce Boone Chapman into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. Hunt Russian seconded the motion.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion to induct Lt. General Michelle D. Johnson into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame

Gudenkauf made the motion to induct the Lt. General Michelle D. Johnson into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. Coonan seconded the motion.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion to induct The Honorable Linda K. Neuman into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame

Carnahan made the motion to induct The Honorable Linda K. Neuman into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. Coonan seconded the motion.

Aye: 6 (Carnahan, Coonan, Gudenkauf, Hunt Russian, Whisenand, Peters)

No: 1 (Sewell)

Motion carried.

Motion to induct the Honorable Marsha K. Ternus into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame

Carnahan made the motion to induct The Honorable Marsha K. Ternus into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. Hunt Russian seconded the motion.

Aye: 6 (Carnahan, Coonan, Gudenkauf, Hunt Russian, Sewell, Peters)

No: 1 (Whisenand)

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2015 selection committee's suggestion of Senator Tom Harkin as the recipient of the 2015 Cristine Wilson award

Carnahan made the motion to approve the selection committee's suggestion of Senator Tom Harkin as the recipient of the 2015 Cristine Wilson award.

No commissioner seconded the motion.

Motion failed.

Motion for the Hall of Fame selection committee to meet by phone and bring back a secondary nominee for the purpose of revisiting the Cristine Wilson award to see if the committee could bring forth another candidate

Commissioner Whisenand made the motion. Commissioner Sewell seconded the motion.

Aye: 5 (Coonan, Gudenkauf, Sewell, Whisenand, Peters)

No: 2 (Carnahan, Hunt Russian)

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Whisenand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hunt Russian seconded the motion.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Phyllis Peters, Chair


Kristen Corey, Program Planner

