

**Kodiak Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

**Present:**

President Knight  
Vice President Bonney  
Secretary/Treasurer Blondin  
Past President Peterson  
Board member Deal  
Board member Simeonoff  
Board member McLaughlin

KICVB Rep. McCarthy  
City Rep. A. Kniaziowski

**New Members:**

Board member Walton  
Board member Bezona  
Board member Lickfield

**Excused:**

Board member R. Kniaziowski  
Borough Rep. Cassidy  
USCG Base Rep. Capt. Westling

USCG Air Station Rep. Capt. Rivera  
KEA Rep Scott

**Staff:**

Trevor Brown, Executive Director  
Summer Wood, Community Rel. Director

Stephanie DeLaGarza, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Past President Peterson chaired the meeting at the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.  
The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

**NEW MEMBER SWORN IN**

Past President Peterson swore in present new board members Lindsay Knight, Margie Bezona and Aaron Walton.

President Knight made a motion to remove Board member Randolph and Board member Turner from the board. Board member Deal seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Blondin made a motion to appoint Board member Simeonoff to prior Board member Turner's seat. President Knight seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Blondin made a motion to appoint Brian Lickfield to prior Board member Randolph's seat. President Knight seconded. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Knight made a motion to review approval agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Blondin seconded. Motion passed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. December 29, 2014 and January 26, 2015 Board Minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Community Relations Report
4. Membership Report

President Knight made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Board member Bonney seconded. Motion passed.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Board Elections**

Past President Peterson nominated Lindsay Knight for President. Board member Bonney moved to close nominations for President. Secretary/Treasurer Blondin seconded. Motion passed. Past President Peterson made a motion to appoint Lindsay Knight as President. Secretary/Treasurer Blondin seconded. Motion passed.

Past President Peterson nominated Board member Bonney for Vice President. Secretary/Treasurer Blondin moved to close nominations for Vice President. President Knight seconded. Motion passed. Past President Peterson made a motion to nominate Board member Bonney as Vice President. President Knight seconded. Motion passed.

President Knight nominated Cheryl Blondin to Secretary/Treasurer. Past President Peterson moved to close nominations. Vice President Bonney seconded. Motion passed. President Knight made a motion to nominate Cheryl Blondin to Secretary/Treasurer. Past President Peterson seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Blondin made a motion to appoint Greg Deal as a Board member. President Knight seconded. Motion passed.

President Knight swore in present Board members Brian Lickfield, Ellen Simeonoff, Cheryl Blondin, Julie Bonney and Greg Deal.

### **2. Strategic Planning Meeting**

The Board would like to have a strategic planning meeting to discuss an action plan for retaining membership. President Knight made a motion for Executive Director Brown to contact local talent to chair the strategic planning meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Blondin seconded. Motion passed.

The Board would like for the staff to prepare a survey to send to current Chamber members to find out what we can improve and to non-Chamber members to find out why they are not members of the Chamber.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Public Awareness Campaign for Seafood Industry**

Fish Facts campaign is airing on the radio every Wednesdays. We are on the 4<sup>th</sup> week it is currently playing on KVOK and HOT 101.1.

### **2. Annual Dinner**

The Annual Dinner was a success the event was decorated really well. The Chamber always has a monetary loss on the event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. ComFish**

ComFish booths are sold out. The ComFish committee is currently working on forums.

### **2. Open**

## **Board Comments**

- Board member Bonney state that pollock is in full swing.
- City Rep. A Kniazowski stated that the City has been busy with projects such as Pier 1, Monashka Pump House and Pier 3.
- Board member McLaughlin stated that Afognak may be able to make a donation on space for the strategic planning meeting.
- Board member Walton stated that business has been down this winter compared to last winters. He is excited to be a part of the Chamber board and is interested in opportunities for mentoring and networking.
- Board member Bezona stated that KANA is currently expanding for a childcare preschool center. The KANA gym will hopefully be open by March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the clinic is expected to be open by the end of May.
- Secretary/Treasurer Blondin stated that Credit Union 1 has stayed busy with the low loan rates.
- Past President Peterson stated that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the new building for the Alutiiq Museum. May 13<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting a carnival with traditional games, food and Alutiiq art.
- Board Member Deal stated that Wells Fargo is also busy with the low loan rates. This has been a good year at the bank and that he will be relocating to Anchorage before June to take a larger leadership role with Wells Fargo.

- Board member Lickfield stated that he has been working for Samson driving trucks for the past 5 ½ years and that he is also excited to be a part of the Chamber board.\
- Board member Simeonoff spoke about her office and that she is currently in a transition with new staff.
- President Knight stated that KMXT will be holding their 7<sup>th</sup> annual bench press contest at the gym and that last year they raised \$2,000.00.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.