

**FLORIDA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION
59TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020**

**ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING**

The Annual Business Meeting of the Florida Court Reporters Association was held on Saturday, July 18, 2020, via Zoom videoconference. **JULY 18, 2020**

Convention Committee Chair Michael Sciré welcomed everyone to the 59th Annual Business Meeting of FCRA. **WELCOME**

President Amy Yarbrough formally introduced FCRA's Officers, Board of Directors, Kautter Wenhold Management Group directors and staff, and NCRA's representative. Special recognition was given to FCRA's past presidents and student attendees. President Yarbrough thanked the Convention Committee for their dedication and hard work in putting together a great virtual seminar presented by TallSmall Productions. **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Yarbrough called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared. **CALL TO ORDER AND
QUORUM**

The rules of the Business Meeting were recited per the FCRA Bylaws and were adopted. **RULES OF THE MEETING**

Copies of the June 29, 2019 Annual Business Meeting were presented to the members for review. The FCRA Board of Directors had read the minutes and approved them as written. The Board of Directors will review and, if necessary, correct the minutes of today's meeting. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS
MEETING**

The Treasurer's report in the form of a pie chart was displayed via screenshare for the membership. The pie chart showed all financial activity for the 7-month period ending May 31, 2020. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Total Revenue YTD: \$33,796.68
Total Expenses YTD: \$100,384.66
Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets: \$66,587.98
Total assets of the Florida Court Reporters Association, including investments: \$223,994.06.

There being no questions, the Treasurer's report will be filed.

President Yarbrough reviewed the past year and FCRA's accomplishments in the areas of school presentations and promoting the profession, including the billboard campaign over 2020 Court Reporting & Captioning Week. She thanked the current board for all their hard work and dedication over the past year and welcomed new Executive Director Sarah Nageotte to FCRA. President Yarbrough recognized, in memoriam, FSRA's past Executive Secretary Paul Feldman. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Special Recognition Award was presented by President Yarbrough to Brooke Cruise for her volunteering at the Tampa Mock Trials and for her assistance in spreading positivity and light on FCRA's Instagram account. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION
AWARD**

The Meritorious Service Award was presented by President Yarbrough to Danielle Freeze Wall for going above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of the Florida Court Reporters Association.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD**

The President’s Award was presented by President Yarbrough to Sharon Velazco for her dedication and passion in recruiting and motivating the next generation of stenographers in Florida.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

After careful consideration and serious discussion, the Board of Directors concluded that these awards should be awarded in person whenever possible, and our hope is to honor our 2021 award winners in Clearwater Beach next year.

**EMDSA AND ARLENE P.
SOMMERS AWARDS**

Charter & Bylaws Committee Chair Tracy Finan presented Bylaws amendments already approved by the Board of Directors. She made two motions to reflect amendments to:

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Article V – Meetings, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, language has been added to each section to allow membership meetings and voting of the Florida Court Reporters Association to be conducted and attended via audiovisual conference or other electronic communications media.

Article VI – Board of Directors, Sections 4, 5(c), and 5(d), language has been added to each section to allow meetings and voting of the Board of Directors of FCRA to be conducted and attended via audiovisual conference or other electronic communications media.

The rationale of these amendments is to give greater flexibility in conducting the business of the Florida Court Reporters Association, whether in person or remotely.

Both motions were passed by the membership.

Immediate Past President Sharon Velazco presented the slate of officers and directors for the 2020-2021 FCRA Board of Directors.

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE REPORT**

It was moved, seconded, and the motion passed to accept the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

**ELECTION OF 2020-2021
OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

No unfinished business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The members of the Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 year were installed by NCRA Director Meredith Bonn as follows: **INSTALLATION CEREMONY**

- President-Elect Tracy Finan
- Vice President Laura Landerman
- Treasurer Tiffany Treffeisen
- Secretary..... Sheri Smargon
- Northern Director .. Elizabeth Chorrushi
- Central Director..... Michael Sciré
- Southern Director ... Amber Rodriguez
- Director at Large Danielle Freeze Wall
- Director at Large Ninette Butler

Richard Sciré was installed by Meredith Bonn as President of the Florida Court Reporters Association for the 2020-2021 year.

Now Immediate Past President Yarbrough turned the meeting over to incoming President Sciré.

President Sciré thanked Amy Yarbrough for her service to the association and indicated that she would be presented with the outgoing president’s gavel plaque and pin at the next in-person Convention. **THANKS TO PAST PRESIDENT**

President Sciré provided acceptance remarks to attendees. **ACCEPTANCE REMARKS**

President Sciré declared the 59th Annual Business Meeting adjourned. **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Nageotte
Executive Director