



*To Support, Preserve and Cultivate Finnish and Finnish-American Culture*

## **2016 Annual Meeting of the Chapter Membership**

**Saturday, February 13, 2016, 2:00 p.m.**

Finnish Room, Room 124, Cramer Hall, Portland State University

1721 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97201

### **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. Welcome:** President Greg Jacob welcomed the membership to the 2016 Annual Meeting.
- B. 2015 in Review:** Greg Jacob reviewed FFCPC's 2015 events.
- C. Finnish Expatriate Parliament, Finland-100:** Satu Mikkola, Trustee of Finlandia Foundation National made a presentation about the Finnish Expatriate Parliament and Finland-100.
- D. Most Valuable Finn Award:** Dave Alford awarded the *Most Valuable Finn Award* to FFCPC Treasurer and Finlandia Foundation National Trustee and Treasurer Dirk Schulbach for his long-term dedicated volunteer work for FFCPC, Finlandia Foundation National, and Nordic Northwest.
- E. Review 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Greg Jacob and Pete Lee presented the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes. Seppo Saarinen made a motion to approve the 2015 FFCPC Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Don Leethem seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.
- F. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dirk Schulbach presented the Treasurer's Report for 2015.
- G. Auditor's Report:** Ray Wikman presented the 2015 Auditor's report for auditor Dennis Usitalo. In short, Dennis's audit concluded a well-organized, detailed accounting and reconciliation of expenses and income as shown on the Itemized Profit and Loss Statement completed by Dirk Schulbach. In his report, Dennis also thanked Dirk and the Board members for their endeavors and hard work in making FFCPC a successful organization. Dave Alford made a motion to approve the Auditor's Report. Seppo Saarinen seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.

- H. Election of Directors:** Terms of office for the following Board members expire today: Dave Alford, Pete Lee, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach (temporarily filled a vacant position expiring in Feb. 2017), and Ray Wikman. Nominations Committee Chair Hilja Davis presented the slate of candidates for the 2016 Board of Directors vacancies. The candidates are Pete Lee, Päivi Panttila Vargas, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach, and Ray Wikman. No nominations were made from the floor. Seppo Saarinen made a motion to elect the slate of candidates. Dave Alford seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.
- I. Proposed Amendment to Bylaws:** Board member Dave Alford presented a proposed amendment to Article VI. Officers. The first paragraph in the article is:
- Article VI. Officers:** The officers (“Officers”) of the Chapter shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time elect. Officers shall be elected following the Annual Meeting from the Board of Directors by its members for a one (1) year term.
- Don Leethem moved Article VI. Officers be amended by adding the following to the end of the first sentence in the above paragraph: “, *unless these duties are assigned to another officer residing in Oregon.*” Seppo Saarinen seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.
- J. Announcements of Upcoming Events and Programs:** Board member Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach presented ideas and plans in the works for FFCPC Finland-100 events in 2017.
- K. PSU Finnish Room Volunteer Project:** President Greg Jacob requested volunteers to help clean and do minor maintenance in the PSU Finnish Room.
- L. Raffle:** Items donated by Cannery Pier Hotel, Finn Ware of Astoria, Marlene Broemer, Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach and others were raffled to the membership. FFCPC thanked the raffle donors and the board members who provided the refreshments.
- M. Adjournment:** Board member Ray Wikman made a motion to adjourn the 2016 Annual Meeting. Seppo Saarinen seconded the motion. The membership approved unanimously.
- N. Refreshments:** President Greg Jacob invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments and thanked the board members who provided the refreshments.

*Minutes written by Board member Pirjo Kujansuu Schulbach based on Secretary Pete Lee’s draft.*

**Approved by the FFCPC Membership at the 2017 Annual Meeting on Feb. 18, 2017.**

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