

**Florida Association of Code Enforcement, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Go To Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 2, 2014  
4:26 PM – 5:01 PM**

**1. Present on Call**

President, R. Sam Sullivan

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Cindy Drake

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Joanne Naumann

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Leslie Banta

Sergeant-at-Arms, Danny Thompson

Secretary, Lori Troxel

Immediate Past President, Michael Titmuss

Also present: Marilyn Crotty, IOG

Treasurer James Acosta - Excused

- 2. Appointment of Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – President R. Sam Sullivan opened the discussion advising that James Acosta was excused from the meeting and that he was given instructions in regards to James' choice for Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

President R. Sam Sullivan advised the Board he spoke with Bob Hamilton in regards to Joanne Naumann's resignation and voting for the Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Joanne's resignation will become effective one second after the Interim Vice Presidents election; therefore Joanne will be able to vote on motions in regards to this meeting.

President R. Sam Sullivan advised we have three candidates for Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and he sent out their biographies to each Board member to review. He asked if anyone had any discussion on the candidates prior to voting.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Joanne Naumann began by apologizing to the Board that she has to resign, and stated she is confident all three candidates will do a great job, however she wishes to nominate Nancy Wales as her successor and stated why. Joanne said she understood the negative perception that may come from the membership at having four Board members from one jurisdiction, but since there are no rules indicating the number of members from one jurisdiction she felt Nancy should be named successor. She reminded the Board that James Acosta was appointed as interim Treasurer making it three from one jurisdiction, and that she felt it unfair that this is being considered now in regards to Nancy Wales.

**Joanne made the motion to name Nancy Wales as Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President which was seconded by Michael Titmuss for discussion purposes.**

Past President Michael Titmuss asked if Bill Van Horn put his name in the hat or was he nominated. Joanne advised she spoke with Bill and gave Sam his name. President Sam Sullivan indicated he wanted more than one person nominated for review by the Board. Sam explained that he understands Joanne's position with naming Nancy Wales as her successor; however, he feels we need to be accountable to the membership, and ensure we put the membership first in this decision.

Secretary Lori Troxel wanted the record to reflect that James Acosta was not appointed by the Board this past June as stated, he was elected by the membership. Lori also questioned Nancy's actual tenure in Code Enforcement versus the perceived tenure in the biography she was given to review. Lori stated although she feels in time Nancy will be a tremendous asset in this profession, she feels Nancy needs a little more experience actually working in Code Enforcement. Lori further stated she is in disagreement with Joanne's suggestion of putting a limit on how many individuals from a jurisdiction can hold office. Lori clarified her position by stating if the membership elects multiple individuals from the same jurisdictions during a general election they are making an informed decision on who they want representing them. At this point the Board is being asked to make that decision for the membership through the appointment of a fourth

person from the same jurisdiction, and that she is not comfortable doing that. Lori Further stated it could call all votes into question, and put St. Johns County in a bad position should a sensitive subject come up for a vote.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Cindy Drake agreed with Lori Troxel, and suggested we put Bill Van Horn in as Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and if Nancy Wales wants to run for office in 2015, we could support her nomination at that time. Sgt. at Arms Danny Thompson agreed that Bill Van Horn would be the best selection for the membership at this time. Past President Michael Titmuss agreed as well, and further stressed that although he believes each person from St. Johns County would vote their heart he felt the perception would be that the Board gave authority to one jurisdiction and votes could be called into question. President Sam Sullivan asked if there was any more discussion on the nominations, hearing none President R. Sam Sullivan advised the Board on the rules for the roll call vote on nominations.

**Motion to appoint Nancy Wales as the Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 term.**

Joanne Naumann                      Second:              Michael Titmuss

Roll Call Vote:

President, R. Sam Sullivan	N
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Cindy Drake	N
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Joanne Naumann	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Leslie Banta	N
Sergeant-at-Arms, Danny Thompson	N
Secretary, Lori Troxel	N
Immediate Past President, Michael Titmuss	N
Treasurer – Proxy Vote via R. Sam Sullivan	Abstain

**Motion Failed 6-1**

**Motion to appoint Bill Van Horn as Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 term.**

Danny Thompson                      Second:              Cindy Drake

Discussion: Marilyn asked to weigh in even though she does not vote. Marilyn told the Board she does not know Bill but was very impressed with him since the first meeting, she stated that he understands the process of what they are working toward, and that he responds almost immediately to all committee business and feels he will do a good job. Joanne agreed. Sam Sullivan advised he was very happy that we have three good candidates that all seem capable and willing to do the job.

Roll Call Vote:

President, R. Sam Sullivan	Y
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Cindy Drake	Y
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Joanne Naumann	N
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Leslie Banta	Y
Sergeant-at-Arms, Danny Thompson	Y
Secretary, Lori Troxel	Y
Immediate Past President, Michael Titmuss	Y
Treasurer – Proxy Vote via R. Sam Sullivan	Abstain

**Motion passed 6-1**

President R. Sam Sullivan advised the Board that Treasurer James Acosta requested that his vote be cast in favor of Frank Cassidy; however due to the overwhelming votes on the matter, the vote would not have made a difference and therefore was not cast. President R. Sam Sullivan stated he would make the appropriate calls to the nominees in the morning. Past President Michael Titmuss stated it is important that someone speak with Nancy and explain why she was not selected, that it certainly does not have anything to do with her dedication, or the possibility of her serving on the Board. He wants her to

understand that it is not only about the perception issue, but a majority vote issue. Sam Sullivan advised he would speak with Nancy.

**Motion to adjourn at 5:01 PM**

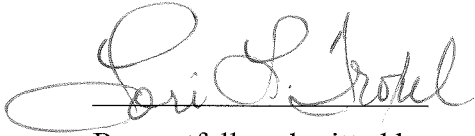
Danny                      Second:              Leslie Banta

**Motion carried unanimously**

Attest:

Approved:

Florida Association of Code Enforcement



Respectfully submitted by

Lori L. Troxel, Secretary



R. Sam Sullivan, President