

Romance Writers of America
2024 Annual General Meeting
August 22, 2024
Virtual Meeting Minutes

President Clair Brett called the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Romance Writers of America, Incorporated, to order at 8:01 p.m. CST, Thursday, August 22, 2023.

In attendance were: President Clair Brett (the Chair), Secretary Jacki Renée, Treasurer Brooke Wills; Directors-at-Large Marian H. Griffin, Mary Karlik, Anita Learned, and Ursula Renee. Chapter Advisor Antonia Cyn, PRO Advisor Robin Hillyer-Miles, and Executive Director Jordan Stokesberry.

CREDENTIALS REPORT/QUORUM PRESENT: Jacki Renée reported that there were 1,154 General Members on the rolls of RWA. Of that number, 4 General Members were present as of the start of the meeting at 8:01 p.m. CST.

President Brett reported that the total voting strength of the meeting, comprised of those General Members present in person was 4, which did not constitute a quorum of 115.

The Chair declared a quorum was not present.

REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Secretary Renée reported that the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting were approved by the Board of Directors and were published in the members-only section of RWA's website.

The meeting continued with the presentation of reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Brett reviewed the Board's actions to reduce operating costs that included moving to an association management company for day-to-day office operations and moving over to a new member management platform. President Brett also talked about the successful emergent from the subchapter v filing which significantly decreased the organization's obligational debts.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wills presented the Balance Sheet and Budget report as of June 30, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: President Brett announced the results of the 2024 elections and named those elected to the 2024/2025 RWA Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION: President Brett and the rest of the Board of Directors, and the Executive Director answered member's questions about the transition to the new members management platform, and where on the website members can find copies of quarterly board meeting agendas and minutes from those meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. CST.