



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

Public Body: GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING (GACA)

Date: April 3, 2020

Time: 7:31 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.

Venue Address: **Telephonic Meeting**
Telephonic participation only due to COVID-19 Pandemic
Call -in Telephone Number: 1-302-202-1109
Conference Code: 669796

GACA Members Joining Telephonically

Lisa O'Neill (Chair), Belinda Akes (Vice Chair), David Spelich (Secretary), Becky Brimhall, Carol Brown, Barbara Marshall, Bob Roth, John Stiteler, Steve Wagner

Guest/Members of the Public Present

Matilda

GACA Staff

Lizette Cordero

Call to order & roll call; welcome; review & approval of January 10, 2020 draft minutes (Action to be taken)

The GACA Chair, Lisa O'Neill, called the meeting to order at 7:31a.m. after Executive Assistant, Lizette Cordero, was asked to conduct a roll call and a quorum was established. Chair O'Neill welcomed members and expressed appreciation for their participation. A review of the draft minutes from January 10, 2020 was requested by the GACA Chair. Following the review, GACA Chair O'Neill called for a motion. *Bob Roth made a motion to approve; Belinda Akes seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:*

Belinda Akes-aye, Barbara Marshall-aye, Bob Roth-aye, Carol Brown-aye, David Spelich-aye, Becky Brimhall-aye, Lisa O'Neill-aye, John Stiteler-aye, Steve Wagner-aye.

Chair O'Neill stated that although not listed in the meeting agenda, the Email Meeting Minutes from

January 31, 2020 also needed to be approved and asked the Council to review the draft minutes from January 31, 2020 for voting approval. Following the review, Chair O'Neill called for a motion. *Carol Brown made a motion to approve; Barbara Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:*

Belinda Akes-aye, Barbara Marshall-aye, Bob Roth-aye, Carol Brown-aye, David Spelich-aye, Becky Brimhall-aye, Lisa O'Neill-aye, John Stiteler-aye, Steve Wagner-aye.

Sunset Review Update

- Chair O'Neill reported the GACA Sunset Review is officially complete. Governor Ducey signed SB1049 to have the GACA hosted by the Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family (GOYFF).
- Chair O'Neill stated she's had several conversations with Policy Assistant, Grace Appelbe, regarding GACA membership issues. According to Chair O'Neill, Ms. Appelbe has assured Boards and Commissions is aware of the GACA need for council members to establish quorum and hold the GACA meetings. According to Chair O'Neill, Ms. Appelbe will be communicating with Boards and Commissions regarding appointments/re-appointments and has contacted GACA Executive Assistant, Lizette Cordero, for an updated Council Member Roster to start the process.
- Chair O'Neill expressed her gratitude to council members for their dedication on a job well done in 2019 by conducting most GACA meetings despite the ongoing council member shortage challenge.
- Council member Bob Roth requested the Boards and Commissions application link be sent to him electronically. Chair O'Neill stated the application is very simple to complete and requested, Executive Assistant, Lizette Cordero, email the link to all council members.

Review and approval of sponsorships request (Action to be taken)

Chair O'Neill expressed apprehension in approving a Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) sponsorship request in the amount of \$1,000 for the Aging Well Resource Fair on June 13, 2020. Council member Carol Brown reported the event is in pending status and potentially being moved to a later date due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Chair O'Neill suggested postponement approval of this sponsorship request closer to the event date. Council members agreed with Chair O'Neill's suggestion.

Discussion: How to increase GACA Meeting attendance

Chair O'Neill reported:

- All council members should hold the May 1, 2020 date for the next GACA Meeting. The GACA meeting will be conducted as a Telephonic Meeting rather than an in person meeting due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and social distancing requirements. The meeting duration, half hour / an hour, will be determined based on liaisons attendance responses.
- The following Committee Meetings will be cancelled in May: Executive Committee (EC), Aging in Community Committee Meeting (AICC) and the Legislative Policy & Education Committee (LPEC). Chair O'Neill will email an official announcement next week.
- Chair O'Neill reminded all that meeting attendance must be a priority going forward and asked all council members to contribute ideas. Some suggestions previously discussed included: speakers/presenters with age related topics at each meeting and better advertisement.

AG Elder Abuse Awareness Contest

Chair O'Neill reported:

- Unsure if the contest is still in place since schools are closed till further notice due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Chair O'Neill will get in contact with Courtney Bennett, Attorney General's (AG's) Office Liaison for updates regarding the contest.

- Chair O’Neill reminded all the GACA is partnering with the AG’s Office as judges to help determine the contest winner not with a monetary donation.
- Chair O’Neill mentioned several council members made private donations last year to assist with contest prizes and will get an update from the AG’s office liaison on the private donations process.

Council Chair O’Neill stated she will keep everyone posted with future meeting updates. There were no questions/comments/concerns at this time from meeting participants.

Adjourn

GACA Chair, Lisa O’Neill, adjourned the meeting at 7:50 a.m.

Copies of all meeting agenda’s and minutes are available for review at the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging website <https://aging.azgovernor.gov/aging/meeting-agendas-minutes>

NEXT MEETING: The next Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) meeting date and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: <https://aging.azgovernor.gov/gaca> These meetings are open to the public.