

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS-BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

**FROM: MARK A. SESSUMS, SECRETARY**

**TO: NATALIE LEMOS, PRESIDENT**

**SUSAN STAFFORD, DIRECTOR**

**Present on Call: Natalie Lemos; Susan Stafford; Charles Fox Miller; Ashley Myers; Diane Holmes; David Manz; John Schutz; Jonathan Root; Roberta Stanley; Jack Long; and Mark Sessums.**

**Absent from Call: Reuben Doupe; Richard West; Thomas Duggar; Peter Gladstone; Dori Morales; Elisha Roy; and Kristen Adamson.**

**The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Natalie initiated a discussion about planned advertisements for the Florida Chapter. After some discussion, the disseminated ads were modified and approved. After discussion, it was agreed to submit the ads for Bar approval. Natalie Lemos will submit the ads to the Bar for approval.**

**Natalie opened the discussion on the proposed revised bylaws. Roberta Stanley proposed modifications to Institute Committee in the interests of continuity. The agreement was that the Institute Committee shall have the Past Chair and the Current Chair of the Institute along with 2 additional appointments by the President. The revised bylaws were approved after a motion made by Jack Long and seconded by Diane Holmes. The approved bylaws will be submitted by Natalie to National.**

**Natalie will be requesting all committee chairs to submit reports for her review and dissemination before the April 5, 2017 Board of Governor's meeting.**

**Natalie gave the positive view metrics for the Chapter Facebook page.**

**Susan Stafford reported on the Certification Review Course. Attendance was the highest ever at approximately 1600. The complaints were the lowest ever and the reviews of the food; site and speakers were very high.**

**Mark Sessums reported on the upcoming May Institute. The sponsorship is down to some degree but all speakers are confirmed and the program will be excellent.**

**Elisha Roy was not present on the call to speak about Legislation. However, Susan Stafford advised that in Tallahassee it is believed that if the alimony bill stays in its present form that it will pass.**

**The meeting concluded at 12:32.**