

Combined Board and Membership Meeting
December 13, 2025
Tyler Nature Center

Call to Order – Board Meeting

President Wanda Rauscher called the Board meeting to order at 12:16 pm.

Present: Karen Bartel, Jessica Coleman, Amy Cumbie, Bonnie Edwards, Lance Homeniuk, Carol Lanthrum, Bob Lumpkins, Greg Marshall, Wanda Rauscher, Ann Reynolds Karen Rueb-Hall, Donna Smith, Lindsey Smith, Kari Steph, Caryn Vorsas, Joe Vorsas and Paul Wick.

President’s Update – Wanda Rauscher

A recommendation was made to approve Dawn Bahr as Vice President to fill Rodney Schroeder’s term. With a show of hands, approval passed.

The October meeting minutes were forwarded to the membership and seeing as there were no corrections, Wanda asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Joe Vorsas made the motion and a second was made by Karen Rueb-Hall. The motion passed.

Joe Vorsas made the motion and a second was made by Ann Reynolds to adjourn the Board meeting at 12:30 pm.

Call to Order – Chapter Meeting

President Wanda Rauscher called the membership portion of the meeting to order at 12:31 pm.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2026 as follows:

President – Carol Lanthrum
Treasurer - David Shafer

Joe Vorsas made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. The motion passed.

The Board recommended that chapter dues remain the same as last year (\$20 per person and \$35 per couple). Lance Homeniuk made a motion to accept the recommendation and a second was made by Joe Vorsas. The motion passed.

Wanda stated the Bylaws have been updated and a copy was mailed to membership prior to the meeting. Chapter Advisors approved the Bylaws. Dale Wade made a motion to accept the Bylaws as written and a second was made by Bonnie Edwards. The motion passed.

Wanda said that a group is trying to form a chapter in Nacogdoches. Also, the Dallas Chapter (which is large) is fleshing out a regional meeting in addition to the annual State meeting. Cost for attending the annual meeting is cost prohibitive for some.

Membership – Donna Smith

The following achievements were announced:

2025 Recertification – Karen Bartell, Patty Gray and Donna Hamil, Quita Russell, and Donna Smith

Milestone Award – 500 Hour Service Pin – Kari Steph

Volunteer Management System – Lindsey Smith

Chapter meetings and travel time to and from those meetings can now be counted as Volunteer Service Hours. Travel time cannot exceed the time spent at the chapter meeting. Or, a member may choose to record the chapter meeting time as AT with no travel time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm for dinner and gift exchange.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Reynolds
Secretary

Recertification & Milestone Awards
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Initial Certification

Dennis Minor
Zachary Woods

2025 Recertifications

Karen Bartell
Paul Bateman – won't attend
Patty Gray
Donna Hamil
Laurie Hero – won't attend

Quita Russell
Donna Smith
Allison Utley

Milestone Awards

500-Hour Service Pin

Kari Steph

2500-Hour Service Pin

Jim Walker