

Minutes of the 2025 NAMPA Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Kevin Ferris, NAMPA Vice-President called the NAMPA annual membership meeting to order at 12:45 pm EDT via ZOOM on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. He welcomed the members attending today's annual membership meeting. He thanked those members who have attended the earlier session of ZOOM 2025 NAMPA national convention and hope that it has been beneficial for them. He reminded everyone to log into the next session where the results of the 2025 NAMPA Awards will be presented.

Gary Calligas, Executive Director of NAMPA, announced that he had previously emailed to all current and active NAMPA member publications and their representatives a copy of the annual meeting minutes of September 11, 2024; a copy of the 2025 annual membership meeting agenda, a copy of the 2025 NAMPA Financial statement, a copy of the 2026 NAMPA proposed budget and a copy of the proposed slate of officers and board members for 2026.

The reading of the 2024 NAMPA annual membership meeting minutes was waived by consensus of those attending as no one asked for it to be read during this meeting and no one asked any questions or gave any comments.

A motion was made by Dan Roberts seconded by Cheryl Adams to approve 2024 NAMPA annual NAMPA membership meeting minutes of September 11, 2024. **PASSED**

The 2025 NAMPA Financial Report as of October 6, 2025 was presented by Cheryl Adams, Treasurer. Treasurer Cheryl discussed some of the income items and expenses. There were no questions or comments were made by any member in attendance. Treasurer Adams noted that a final total year-end NAMPA financial report will be presented to the NAMPA Board of Directors and would be available to all members during the first part of 2026.

The 2026 NAMPA Budget was presented by Cheryl Adams, Treasurer and Gary Calligas, Executive Director. They stated that this is very conservative budget which does not include an in-person NAMPA national convention in 2026, but rather another ZOOM convention. The fundraiser would be sold and but at lower than the normal price of \$19,000. Also, certain expenses were eliminated include a board of directors' liability policy which was deemed unnecessary.

A motion was made by Dan Roberts seconded by Susan Ross to approve the 2026 NAMPA Budget as presented and finalized at this annual meeting. **PASSED**

Vice-President Kevin Ferris thanked the board members and Executive Director for their work and support of NAMPA during 2025. He stated that we were saddened by the unexpected resignation by Kevin VanGundy during the middle of the year. He said it was a challenging year for NAMPA with lots of crisis and issues, but most were resolved. He does look forward to a better year in 2026.

No other NAMPA officer stated that they wish to make a report at this annual membership meeting.

Gary Calligas, Executive Director of NAMPA stated he thanked the officers and board members for their assistance and cooperation during the year. He noted that he was proud of the many accomplishments during 2025 including: the selling of the NAMPA fundraiser for \$12,000 at the

middle of the year; the increase awareness and usage by the members of the NAMPA website; and he proudly provided information to members about potential referrals and other information that they can use from inquiries received from the NAMPA website. He noted that during 2025, NAMPA lost a few members due to their publications having financial difficulties, closing of their publications without being sold or transferred to another entity, and some other reasons. He thanked the many members who responded to his numerous emails and especially thanked those members who took time to compliment him and offer suggestions or advice. He mentioned that an unexpected crisis occurred with Kevin VanGundy resigned his position as President of NAMPA, but he thanked Kevin Ferris, Vice-President for handling the duties of President of NAMPA up to the convention. He mentioned that another major crisis occurred this year when our judge of the NAMPA awards from last year, Michelle Fields, informed us that she took on a full-time job and would be unable to judge for the 2025 NAMPA awards. Gary stated that he quickly contacted several universities schools of journalism who all stated that they were not interested in judging publications of associations. I luckily found a former publisher and editor whom I knew had lots of experience in publishing and agreed to be the judge for the 2025 NAMPA awards competition. The Board of Directors accepted her appointment as our judge for the 2025 NAMPA awards competition. I thank Jessica Rinaudo for doing this task for NAMPA in a very professional manner. Also, he thanked our webmaster, William Mitchum for his efforts to educate members about using and improving our website and in using the member only section at www.maturepublishers.com/news-and-tools.

Vice-President Kevin Ferris presented the proposed slate of officers and Board members for 2026.

He opened the nominations for officer or board member position from the attendees of today's annual membership meeting.

No nomination for Board of Directors and/or Officers were made by the attendees at this meeting.

A motion was made by Dan Roberts seconded by Cheryl Adams to accept and approve the following as the officers and board members of NAMPA for 2026. **PASSED**

Mark Jacobs – President (term expires 9/11/2027):
Kevin Ferris - Vice-President (term expires 9/21/2027)
William Mitchum – Secretary (term expires 9/11/2027)
Cheryl Adams – Treasurer (term expires 9/21/2027)
Dan Roberts – Board Member (term expires 9/11/2026)
Susan Ross – Board Member (term expires 9/21/2026)
Betsy Bean – Board Member (term expires 9/11/2026)

Mary Jacobs, President- Elect thanked the members for electing him as President of NAMPA and looks forward to a great year in 2026.

Mark Jacobs gave the members a summary of the NAMPA shared content program which will be implemented in 2026.

Stuart Rosenthal asked if the NAMPA Board of Directors considered the suggestion that NAMPA try to sell to a national business a nationwide Site Impact distribution of their one page full page ad. Gary responded that the board did consider this, but felt that it would be a very

complex sale as Site Impact has millions of email addresses in every state that could be utilized even if NAMPA only select persons 50 and older with other demographics. At the rate of around 10 cents per email address to rent, the proposed sale price would be over \$200,000 and the profit to NAMPA would be minimal. It was decided to not to implement as a fundraiser at this time.

As no other business, the annual membership meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm EDT

Vice-President Kevin Ferris thanked the members for attending the annual membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Calligas, Executive Director of NAMPA