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**North Country Alliance Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November Monthly Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Location: Via AccuConference Call

**Board Members**

Present: Brian Gladwin, Marijean Remington, Joe Russo, Donna Wadsworth, Dave Zembiec, Jeremy Evans, Patrick Kelly

**Board Members**

Absent: Kate Fish, Christy Wilt, Carol Calabrese, Franz Phillippe, Eric Virkler, Ben Dixon, Duane Pelky, Jim Wright

Others Present: Michelle Capone, Aviva Gold, John Zielinski

**Call to Order:** At approximately 11:05am President Remington called the regularly scheduled meeting of the North Country Alliance to order.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** No Quorum to approve any motions.

**President's Report:** Nothing to report out yet did ask J. Zielinski to send out a reminder email prior to the next (December) meeting to ensure a quorum is attained.

President Remington took this time to inform those board members on the phone that Ron Charette had tendered his resignation as a board member. She stated Ron's valuable services as a board member and the great impact he had on many levels. Ms. Remington asked Patrick Kelly of the need to find a new Chair of the Nominating Committee as Ron was in the slot. Ms. Remington also made note of the Clinton County IDA seat that will have to be voted on next meeting. Patrick informed those on present that Renee McFarlin, the new Director of CCIDA, has been approached about filling a seat on the NCA Board and is interested. Renee worked for years with Congresswoman Stefanik and is looking to broaden her reach and connections throughout the region which NCA is a great space to do that. Brian Gladwin also informed the members on the phone that Renee is also a lawyer which will benefit the board in many ways.

Michelle Capone brought up the question of the board's ability to vote via email in the absence of a quorum. President Remington was not sure and elected to go with a vote next month when a quorum can be had. John Zielinski was asked to reach out to Renee and inform her that there was discussion and the nominating committee had recommended that she be voted on as a board member and that since there was not a board quorum it would be voted on next month (December)



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Joe Russo brought up the question of addressing low attendance board members. President Remington stated that she does follow-up with attendance issues that come from a report that Aviva Gold provides on a regular basis. Ms Remington made it a point that she understands demanding schedules and competing priorities but that it should be common practice to extending the curtesy of informing John Zielinski or Aviva Gold of attendance prior to the Meetings.

Michelle Capone mentioned that she found in the By-Laws a clause that allows for email voting so we could use it in the future.

Adjournment: President Remington adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15am.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018