



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE ARC OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
November 21, 2019  
Knights of Columbus Club  
5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Christine Plummer called The Arc of Northern Virginia’s Annual Meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. VIP guests were recognized. Ms. Plummer gave the State of The Arc of Northern Virginia address. Introductions of staff and board of directors were completed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Charles Clark MOVED and Susan Pollack SECONDED the motion to approve The Arc of Northern Virginia 2018 Annual Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.*

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer John Wyatt presented the organization’s financial statement for FY 2019. Highlights included:

- The financial position of the Arc of Northern Virginia has improved over the last year
- Many new grants were secured this year
- The fiscal year budget for the organization is just over \$1,700,000
- There have been financial challenges over the last year. However, the organization has implemented a ‘get well’ plan that cuts expenses and increases funds.

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Governance Committee board member, Mary Ford, thanked departing Board members Scott Dulman, Grace “Frankie” Francis, Stephen Hall, and John Wyatt. She introduced the slate of four new directors, giving a brief biography of each candidate. Ms. Ford asked for any additional nominations from the floor. There being none, she asked for a voice vote to appoint the slate of candidates to the board for a term beginning in January 2020. The assembled voted “aye.” She also asked for a voice vote to confirm the new directors, directors who are serving an additional term, and directors continuing their current term. The assembled voted “aye.” The directors are:

New Directors:

Sonny Blanco	Peter Dressel
Chris Ferenshak	Chuck Kettenacker

Appointments for an additional term:

Doug Church	Beth Curtis
Mary Ford	Marisa Laios
Matt Leland	Christine Plummer
Michael Thomas	

Directors continuing their current term:

Cheri Belkowitz	Sharon Cummings
David Egan	Craig Heizer
Susan Pollack	Heidi Travis
Libby Yost	

Officers of the Board:

Ms. Ford announced the next order of business would be to elect officers for 2020. The Nominations Committee submitted the following slate of candidates:

President – Lissy John	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mark Albert
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Kevin Paluszak	Secretary – Alisa Macht
Treasurer – Peter Dressel	

*Nominations were declared closed. A vote was taken to approve the officers of the Board and it was approved unanimously.*

**ADJOURN**

*The motion to adjourn the official business portion of The Arc of Northern Virginia’s Annual Meeting was **MOVED** by Charles Clark and **SECONDED** by Michael Thomas. The motion was approved without objection. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.*

**AWARDS**

- Executive Director Rikki Epstein presented the 2019 Jessica Burmester Volunteer Award to Mark Albert
- Judi Garth presented the 2019 Rusty Garth You Are the Change Advocacy Award to Jeannie Cummings
- Director of Advocacy Lucy Beadnell presented the 2019 Disability Inclusion Champion Awards to Sharon Bulova and John Cook

Following the official membership meeting, a panel discussion and Q & A session was held. The following members of the Virginia Legislature were featured: Delegate-elect Dan Helmer, Delegate Paul Krizek, Delegate Mark Sickles, Delegate John Cook, and Delegate Kathy Tran.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Curtis, Secretary  
November 21, 2019

**ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES:**

Please note that my name, Beth Curtis, was incorrectly listed in the program, announced, and voted upon as being appointed to an additional Board term during the Annual Meeting. That was a mistake, as I am in the middle of my current term, which will end on December 31, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Curtis, Secretary  
December 9, 2019