

**MaAOHN Annual Meeting
December 5, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President, Terry Donahue.

Present: Twenty four MaAOHN voting members were present.

Report on Elections: Bernie Health, Chair of Tellers, announced the winners of the 2008 election – Nancy Clover, Treasurer; Gail Carchietta, Secretary; and Peg O'Connor, Nominating Committee. Terry Donahue thanked Sharon Cotnam and Jeanne Donahue, who are leaving the Board, for their support over the past years.

Installation of Incoming Officers: Terry Donahue installed the incoming Board members.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Cotnam reported that the 2008 budget was balanced and that the 990 report would be filed in the next few weeks. Sharon Cotnam said she would be meeting with the new Treasurer, Nancy Clover, to turn everything over to her.

By-Law Change: Terry Donahue told the group that the Board had researched the proposed by-law change and found that a number of other states had already changed their by-laws concerning an unopposed ballot. Donna Ferreira read the proposed by-law change:

- I. In the event of an unopposed ballot,
1. A vote shall be obtained at the annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting;
 2. Member notification of such process will take place via email or mail 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Anne Lafontaine made a motion that the proposed bylaw be voted upon. There was no further discussion and the motion was seconded. The vote was taken and was unanimously in favor of the by-law change.

President's Report: Terry Donahue gave an update on the Association's standing. The report will be posted on the website.

Committee Reports: Written committee reports were received from Communication Chair Barbara Haswell; Bylaws, Policy & Procedure Chair Donna Ferreira; North of Boston Chapter President Lisa Foster; Membership & Nominating Chair Gail Carchietta. Terry Donahue asked that the remaining reports be submitted as soon as possible.

Awards: A check for \$1,000.00 was presented to each chapter from the vendor proceeds from the NECOEM conference.

Update on AAOHN Activities: Sheila Litchfield gave a presentation on activities from AAOHN.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.