**2016 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

**August 10, 2016**

**Colonial Williamsburg Lodge**

**Williamsburg, Virginia**

**Call to Order**

President-Elect Kim Goodloe called the meeting to order at 12:38. Roll call was taken by Marisa Laios, Secretary, for attendance of local chapters of The Arc. There were 10 chapters present.

**Approval of the 2015 Minutes**

The minutes of the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting were unanimously approved.

**Budget and Finance Report**

Burt Hudson, Treasurer, reports that the finances are in excellent shape, and in a month should be well ahead of last year’s total.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Jamie Liban, Executive Director, thanked all members for their continuing advocacy on inclusive education, waiver redesign, etc. Training center closures are still happening, and The Arc remains committed to seeing those through. In the coming year, The Arc of Virginia will focus on closer contact with chapters at the grassroots level. She thanked the board for their continuing work to advance the cause. Jamie then yielded some of her time for self-advocates to present their creations from the “Advocacy Through Art” breakout session led by Jack Brandt of the Partnership for People with Disabilities.

**President’s Report**

Shareen Young-Chavez, President, was not present. Kim Goodloe, President-Elect, reported that the Catalysts for Change dinner the previous evening was a success. Past President Howard Cullum was honored for his many years of advocacy, as well as Sean Campbell and his young son, Alex, for the advocacy in the area of school seclusion and restraint. Kim thanked Jamie and her staff for their hard work in organizing a successful convention overall. She asked local chapters to remember The Arc of Virginia in addition to their own fundraising, planning and growth goals. She added that the legislative agenda would be out before long, and to remember to watch for those updates and make legislator contact a priority.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Past President Howard Cullum read the slate of nominated officers for 2016-2017:

* Treasurer, Burt Hudson
* Secretary, Marisa Laios
* Vice President, Robert Gettings
* President-Elect, Kim Goodloe
* President, Shareen Young-Chavez

Howard asked for nominations from the floor. Receiving none, the membership approved the slate as presented.

Jamie added her thanks to the volunteers and staff who had helped to plan and run the convention. She also introduced Lucy Cantrell, former Executive Director of The Arc of Hanover, as The Arc of Virginia’s new Director of Information and Referral.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marisa Laios

Secretary, The Arc of Virginia