

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the February 29-March 1, 2024, meeting.

**DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Ballrooms B & C
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas

Friday, December 1, 2023

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Mr. Byron Brooks, Chair
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Vice Chair
Mrs. Susan Brager
Ms. Heather Brown
Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Mr. Jeffrey S. Downs
Ms. Stephanie Goodman
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Members Absent: Mr. Patrick J. Boylan
Dr. Michelee Cruz-Crawford
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. with all members present except Regents Boylan, Cruz-Crawford, and Tarkanian.

1. Information Only – Public Comment – None.
2. Approved – Annual Report – The Members of the Corporation approved the Desert Research Institute (DRI) Research Foundation Annual Report, including the Annual Gift Report. (*Ref. DRI-2 on file in the Board Office.*)

DRI Research Foundation Chair Kristin McMillan Porter presented the Annual Report, including the Annual Gift Report for the DRI Research Foundation.

Regent Goodman stated she is happy to see the word getting out about DRI.

Regent Del Carlo stated that DRI does phenomenal work on all seven continents.

2. Approved – Annual Report – (Continued)

In response to a question from Regent Del Carlo related to the Nevada Medal Dinner, Chair McMillan Porter responded they have considered how to reimagine the Nevada Medal Dinner. It takes tremendous resources, and DRI was not getting the needed return on investment.

Regent Carvalho moved approval of the Desert Research Institute (DRI) Research Foundation Annual Report, including the Annual Gift Report. Regent Brager seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan, Cruz-Crawford, and Tarkanian were absent.

3. Information Only – Officers – The members of the Board of Trustees of the DRI Research Foundation endorsed the following individuals at its October 26, 2023, meeting to serve as the officers of the Foundation for calendar year 2024 (effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024):

Kristin McMillan Porter, Chair
Stephanie Kruse, Vice-Chair
Michael PeQueen, Treasurer
Nora James, Secretary

4. Approved – Consent Items – The Members of the Corporation approved the DRI Research Foundation Consent Items.

4a. Approved – Financial Statements and Management Letter – The Members of the Corporation approved the DRI Research Foundation Financial Statements and Management Letter for the year ended June 30, 2023, along with the top 10 payee schedule. (*Refs. DRI-4a(1) and DRI-4a(2) on file in the Board Office.*)

4b. Approved – Appointments – The Members of the Corporation approved the appointment of the following individuals to the DRI Research Foundation Board of Trustees for a four-year term:

First Term

Marybel Batjer
Elizabeth “Betsy” Fretwell
Yolanda King
Zane Marshall
John Zimmerman

Second Term

Nora James
Ron Smith, M.D.

4. Approved – Consent Items – *(Continued)*

Regent Downs moved approval of the DRI Research Foundation Consent Items. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan, Cruz-Crawford, and Tarkanian were absent.

5. Information Only – New Business – None.

6. Information Only – Public Comment – None

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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Submitted for approval by:

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