



**Minutes
Board Meeting**

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: August 9, 2011

Call to order: The August 9, 2011 Pre-Convention Board meeting of the BSMA was held in Washington, DC at the Washington Court Hotel. The meeting convened at 3:18 EST, President Wendy Hoffman presiding, and Kathryn Hood, Secretary. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Members in attendance: National President Wendy Hoffman, 1st Vice President Julie Roberts, 2nd Vice President Joretta Pickard, 3rd Vice President Judy Dorsey, 4th Vice President, Lori Danby, Financial Secretary Anne Parker, Treasurer Robin Countryman-Valk, Recording Secretary Kathryn Hood, Pres. Dept. of MN Pattie Kelley, Pres. Dept. of OK Cindy Hood, Pres. Dept. of OH Pat Pell, Pres., PNP Susan Naill, PNP Karen Stevens

Excused: Dept. of MI Carol Gates, PNP Joyce Fulford, PNP Joyce Sanford, PNP Dorothy Mendoskin,

Opening Ceremonies:

Roll Call of Officers - Kathryn Hood

Prayer – Lin McGee

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Kathryn Hood

Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Wendy Hoffman

Business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of July 26, 2011 minutes.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Appointed Convention Positions: President Wendy Hoffman named those who are currently appointed for positions at Convention and there was discussion on who to fill the remaining positions. She also named those who have been appointed for the Memorial Service to be held at Arlington Cemetery and the order of events.

MOTION: To approve the named appointed Convention positions.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Old Business

Registration Count: Julie Roberts reported that there are 161 Registered delegates and 187 registered all together.



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Pin for Mary Huffer –In light of the death of PNP Mary Huffer, there was discussion on what to do with the PNP pin and how we should get it to her husband.

Motion: **To mail the pin to her husband which would include a letter from the current NEB.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

CPA Engagement Letter - A letter from our CPA, Joseph R. Castellano has been received.

There was discussion on whether this decision should be tabled for the next NEB. Wendy read his letter aloud.

MOTION: **After reviewing the Engagement Letter received from the 2011 auditor. The current NEB recommends that the 2012 NEB engage this auditor..**

After discussion the Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Pro-Tem Recording Secretary: Kathryn Hood needs to go home Thursday night for work reasons. A Pro-tem is needed for the remainder of the Convention Friday and Saturday.

MOTION: **That we accept Pattie Kelly's offer to be the Pro Tem Recording Secretary.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Charter Bill: Julie Roberts reported that there was a problem with some of the language. That particular portion has gone back to the original language and the Bill is now in the bin to receive a number. Wendy named the co-sponsors for the Bill (attached). This Senate counterpart will be introduced in September.

Pending DC1 Chapter: There was discussion as to whether the pending DC Chapter can come to Convention as voting delegates if they are paid and installed on just prior to convention. All the paperwork is not yet in so they cannot be installed yet.

MOTION: **If there is no further business that the meeting adjourn.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote

Adjournment: 4:28pm EST

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Congress: 112th
Session: 1st
Date: 8/9/11

Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following sponsors are hereby added to:

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5)	Ken Calvert	25)	
6)	Earl Blumenauer	26)	
7)	Diana DeGette	27)	
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9)	Jim McGovern	29)	
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12)	Mike Honda	32)	
13)	Trent Franks	33)	
14)	Raúl Grijalva	34)	
15)	Tim Ryan	35)	
16)	Michele Bachmann	36)	
17)	Laura Richardson	37)	
18)	Gerry Connolly	38)	
19)	Jared Polis	39)	
20)	Richard Hanna	40)	

Member Signature: _____
Please Print Member Name: Scott R. Tipton