

United Portugues S.E.S. Inc.
Annual Meeting
January 27, 2020

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the United Portuguese S.E.S. Inc was held on the premises of the U.P.S.E.S. Hall on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

President Diana Balelo called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, and asked for a moment of silence for the deceased and sick members of the community. Director Frank Macedo read the Mission Statement, Past President and Treasurer Daniel Silva read the Opening Prayer, and Director Margaret Virissimo led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Portuguese flag.

Secretary Karinna Feliciano proceeded with the Roll Call of the 2020 Board of Directors.

Present: President Diana Balelo, Vice President Gilbert Frank III, Secretary Karinna Feliciano, Treasurer Daniel Silva, Parliamentarian Therese Garces, Megan Altimimi, Annette Balelo, John Barbosa, Natalie Brasil, Jennifer Corona, Ricardo da Rosa, Christian DaRosa, Gayle Frank, Rod Guidi, Jenna LoCoco, Frank, Macedo, Korinne Madruga-Monroig, Louis Rosario, Margaret Virissimo, 2019 Festa Presidents Anthony & Tiffany DaSilva, 2020 Festa Presidents Brian & Deborah Dutra, and Andrea DaLuz.

Absent: Phyllis Silveria.

President Diana Balelo reminded all in attendance to sign the membership book, if they had not already done so.

January 27, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the January 27, 2019 Annual Meeting were distributed to the assembly in the 2020 Contas Report Packet.

- Motion made by Past President Evelyn Feliciano, seconded by Member Virginia DaRosa , to approve the January 28, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

September 22, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the September 22, 2019 Special Meeting were distributed to the assembly in the 2020 Contas Report Packet.

- Motion made by Past President Barbara Hosaka, seconded by Member Natalie Virissimo, to approve the September 22, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

2019 Festa Report:

2019 Queen Grace DaSilva spoke on behalf of the 2019 Festa Presidents Anthony & Tiffany DaSilva. Grace began by thanking the UPSES Board for their support and guidance. She went on to thank the Kitchen Crew, Organizations, Booth Chairpersons, Event Chairpersons, Festa Coordinators and the volunteers. Grace ended her speech by wishing the 2020 Festa Family a successful year.

2020 Festa Report:

Brian Dutra spoke on behalf of himself and Deborah Dutra, the 2020 Festa Presidents. Brian began by thanking President Diana Balelo, the Executive Board, and the entire Board of Directors for their continued support over the past 6 months. Brian went on to congratulate the 109th Festa Presidents on a beautiful festa. Brian dedicated the 110th Festa to the volunteers, and finished his speech by introducing the 2020 Festa Queen Jenavieve Dutra & 2020 Festa King Noah Dutra.

Scholarship Presentation:

President Diana Balelo Presented Scholarships to the following recipients:

- First recipient was Gabriella Barbosa. Gabriella accepted on behalf of herself and thanked the UPSES Board.
- Second recipient was Mackenzie Lucas. Mackenzie accepted on behalf of herself and thanked the UPSES Board for the honor.
- Third recipient was Kara Sheifer. Kara resides in Chicago, Kara's parents accepted on her behalf and expressed her thanks.
- Fourth recipient was Christian Terzoli. Christian's mother accepted on his behalf and thanked the members for the community support.

Kenny Alameda congratulated each recipient.

An anonymous donor matched the scholarship amounts for each recipient.

Treasurer's Report:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

Motion made by Past President Evelyn Feliciano, seconded by Member Donald Valadao, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Manager's Report:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

Affiliate Reports:**PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN DANCERS:**

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

TRINITY SUNDAY:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

FILARMONICA:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

***** 20 Minute Intermission *****

President Diana Balelo requested that all past UPSES Presidents stand for recognition.

Election of the 2020 Board of Directors:

A Motion was made by Past President Evelyn Feliciano, seconded by Member Natalie Virissimo, to accept the new members that have signed the membership book. Motion carried.

Board of Governors Chairperson Therese Garces read the biographies of the following 2020 Director applicants:

- Yvonne Siragusa
- Sean Cerny
- Michelle Freitas Eskra
- Jaquelyn Neves
- Marissa Bagaso
- Marisea "Cici" Stanely
- Natalie A. Virissimo
- Brian Kiesz
- Martha DaRosa

President Diana Balelo opened up the floor for nominations. No nominations were made.

A motion was made by Past President Raymond Simas, seconded by Past President Barbara Hosaka, to accept the 2020 slate as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Governors Chairperson Therese Garces introduced the 2020 Board of Directors.

- Yvonne Siragusa
- Sean Cerny
- Michelle Freitas Eskra
- Jaquelyn Neves
- Marissa Bagaso
- Marisea "Cici" Stanely
- Natalie A. Virissimo
- Brian Kiesz
- Martha DaRosa
- Christian DaRosa
- Bridgette Mack
- Steve Pedro
- Daniel Silva
- Megan Altimimi
- Frank Macedo
- Natalie Brasil
- Rod Guidi
- Korinne Madruga Monroig
- Ricardo da Rosa
- Jenna Lococo
- Louis Rosario
- Annette Balelo
- Karinna Feliciano
- Gayle Frank
- Therese Garces

President Diana Balelo congratulated the newly elected 2020 Board of Directors.

Committee Reports:

A motion was made by Past President Evelyn Feliciano, seconded by Member Natalie Virissimo, to suspend with the reading of the committee reports that are attached to the 2020 Contas Packet and a packet is to be kept in the office of the UPSES. Motion carried.

BAR:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

BINGO:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

CHAPEL:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

FINANCE & LONG TERM PLANNING:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

MAINTENANCE:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

MARKETING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

PORTUGUESE MARKET:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

SCHOLARSHIP:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

WEEKLY QUEENS/KINGS:

See 2020 Contas Packet Attachement.

Old Business:

Past President, Raymond Simas gave a report on the current status of the Mary Alice Gonsalves Acquisition Fund, which is to be used to acquire real estate. \$1,125,455 was donated by Mary Alice in 2013. Raymond Simas presented the current balance of \$1,695,985, due to interest earnings. The trustees of the account; Manuel Bud Silva, Raymond Simas, and Joe da Rosa, are to meet with the newly elected President and Treasurer of the 2020 UPSES Board of Directors to discuss further business.

Director Chris DaRosa brought attention to the current Bylaw change. Refer to the Restated Bylaws of the United Portuguese S.E.S., Inc. Page 12, Section 8.

A motion was made by Chris DaRosa, seconded by Gabe Leal, that all affiliates shall be subject to the same requirements as all other clubs. After much discussion, Chris DaRosa then rescinded the previously stated motion, Gabe Leal rescinded his second.

New Business:

Past Presided Raymond Simas requested it be noted in the minutes that he empowered the community and Board of Directors to bring in new members. Past President Raymond Simas finished by congratulating President Diana Balelo on a job well done.

A motion was made by Vice President Gilbert Frank III, seconded by Past President Evelyn Feliciano, in order to be an Executive Board Member one must be of Portuguese Decent. After much discussion, motion defeated. Past President Barbara Hosaka requested it be noted in the meeting minutes that she, for once, agreed with Past President Evelyn Feliciano during the discussion of the previously stated motion.

Five Year Plaque Awards:

President Diana Balelo presented Five Year Plaque Awards to the following directors and thanked them for the hard word and dedication over the past 5 years:

- Jennifer Corona
- Margaret Virissimo
- Gilbert Frank III

Vice President Gilbert Frank III presented President Diana Balelo with a Five Year Plaque Award, and congratulated Diana on her presidency.

President Diana Balelo announced to the newly elected 2020 Board of Directors that there will be a meeting in the club room directly following the annual general assembly meeting.

There being no further business, President Diana Balelo adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:08.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karinna E. Feliciano
2019 Executive Secretary