

**Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Aging
Minutes of September 16, 2015 Meeting**

Members present:

Karen Enright, Esther Price, Libby Arron, William Finelli, Brian Ott, MD, Joan Crawley, Sue Robbio

Members excused:

Bill Flynn, Jim Nyberg, Susan Adler

Staff: Director Charles Fogarty, Meghan Connelly

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Karen Enright at 10:32 AM

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Correction to June 17 minutes – Sue Robbio was present.

Bill Finelli moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes as corrected; seconded by Sue Robbio.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

1. Nominating Committee presented a new 2015-2016 slate of officers which was approved by the Commission members and will be voted on at next meeting.
 - Chairperson – D Karen Enright
 - Vice Chairperson- Susan Adler
 - Secretary- William Finelli
 - Treasurer- Ester Price
2. Commission membership and bio-sketches have been forwarded. Vacancies and needed renewals will be identified and discussed at a later date.
3. The Commission's role and next steps were discussed. It was agreed that the Commission has an advisory role. As such, it was agreed that Director Fogarty will forward a report and points of discussion prior to each meeting. These points and report will form the agenda for each meeting and will allow for essential feedback by the Commission members to the Governor through DEA.
4. Director Fogarty announced a change of location for DEA to the second floor of L Pasteur Bldg. He also announced new staff appointments. Mary Ladd will be heading up the state SHIP program, Melody Rodrigues will head up RI Protective Services, and a new person in finance will be announced in October.
5. Next meeting, in addition to reaction to the Director's Report, Director Fogarty will invite Mary Ladd to report on the state SHIP program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Submitted

D Karen Enright
Secretary