

PLATO Annual All Member Meeting
May 17, 2017
Lussier Family Heritage Center
Madison, WI

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm by Scott Kolar, President.

Welcome and Overview of the Year

Scott Kolar welcomed the 177 members in attendance. He listed some of the group's major accomplishments over the past year including continuing membership growth, the increased number of courses and special events, the ongoing strategic planning process, the creation of a new logo and tag line for the organization, and the growth in charitable giving. He also praised Louise Fowler, our office administrator, who provides invaluable services to PLATO always accompanied by a sunny disposition.

Election of 2016-17 Officers and Directors

The following officers were elected during the recent online election: Scott Kolar (President), Michael Stevens (Vice President), Patricia Herrling (Secretary), Kevin Gould (Treasurer), Suzy Griffiths (Director-at-Large with a three year term), Linn Roth (Director-at-Large with a two year term) and Meg Taylor (Director-at-Large with a one year term). Completing Board service are Sybil Better (Secretary), Janet Cabot (Vice President) and Mike Dilorio (Director-at-Large).

Recognitions

A. Distinguished Service Awards: Tim Otis recognized Patricia Becker and Mary Boyd for their many years of service to PLATO including serving as PLATO President. Boyd accepted her award in-person.

B. Volunteers: Janet Cabot recognized the 189 volunteers who are essential to PLATO including 71 course coordinators as well as the many members of committees and other volunteers.

C. Scholarship Recipients: Three PLATO Fund Scholarship recipients, Fathiya Ali, Chee Thao and Anthony Utrie and the Odyssey Program were recognized.

PLATO Strategic Planning Update

Tim Otis identified the three strategic issues that have emerged from the ongoing planning process: (1) Manage Member Growth and Experience, (2) Build and Strengthen the Leader and Coordinator Experience and (3) Build Organizational Capacity. Several strategic goals have been identified for each issue with the defining of the implementation process to begin shortly.

Keynote Speaker

Aleta Murray introduced UW-Madison Professor Patty Loew who spoke on the Indian Nations of Wisconsin. During her talk, Lowe emphasized the environmental challenges to the Nations and their respective responses.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sybil Better

Secretary

Approved by the PLATO Board on June 16, 2017.