

**Women's State Legislative Council of Utah
General Session Meeting Minutes
Spruce Room, Senate Office Building
March 12, 2014**

Attendance

49 members

Call to Order

Kari Malkovich called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed those in attendance.

Inspirational Thought

Gay Lynn Bennion

Pledge

Susan Vaughn

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for March 5 were approved with no corrections

Treasurer's Report

Shannon Jacobs reported a checking account balance March 5 of \$2,954.06. There was an income of \$20.00 for this period with expenses of \$9.08 leaving a balance on March 12, 2014 of \$2,964.98
Zion's Gold Money Market had interest of \$1.28 and a balance of \$13,936.68

Membership Report

President Elect Shauna Scott-Bellacomo announced we have a membership at this time of 87 members

**Sessions today under the direction of Health/Human Resources
Kitty Kaplan**

H.B.105: What You Need to Know about Legislation, Marijuana and Medicine

**Annette Maughan, Board of Directors, Epilepsy Assoc. of Utah
Jennifer May, Citizen/Parent Advocate for Medical Alesia
JoAnn Petrie, BYU Psychology Dept. Substance Use Disorder Counselor
Brad Daw, Chair, Policy Task Force, SMART Utah County Coalition
Julianna Ogden, Recent College Graduate and Concerned Citizen
Laura Warburton, volunteer lobbyist**

Discussions revolved around medical marijuana, called hemp, and also other medicines which had been used by the medical profession to relieve severe seizures. Members were informed of the risks involved in many of these medications, and the help from hemp oil which had excellent results in other States at this time.

Members were shown a video of seizures by a son of Jennifer May, and how destructive these are to a child's future development physically and mentally. She also discussed the current costs of medications. JoAnn Petrie discussed the use of opiates by physicians and how destructive this is to brain development. Brad Daw discussed the percentages of marijuana which is found in hemp and how the psychotropic properties of marijuana are removed from hemp because of the low percentages. Julianna Ogden opposed the use of hemp products citing addition to marijuana and its use, and also that properties in this drug have increased 50% in recent years. Laura Warburton discussed how groups can convene and push for legislation on hemp and hemp products in Utah.

New Business

Resolution in Favor of Health Utah

The resolution was presented by Kitty Kaplan, Director and she also moved for adoption of this resolution .

Following discussions, members voted on 8 Whereas, as part of this Resolution. A motion was made on the 7th Whereas, The Healthy Utah Plan will provide insurance for 111,000 (to insert the words low income) Utahans while supporting private insurance markets, boosting the Utah economy and maximizing flexibility for individual consumers. This amendment was voted on by the membership and passed by a 2/3 vote and the words low income were inserted into the 7th Whereas. The 8 Whereas were then approved, and members voted on Resolved, That the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah supports Governor Herbert's Healthy Utah Plan. A 2/3 vote was affirmative, and adoption of this resolution was accepted, the resolution passed.

Bylaw Amendments

Article X – Quorum

Motion to adopt proposed changes in Article X

Motion adopted.

Article XI – Parliamentary Authority

No vote needed, there were no changes in this article

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Bylaw Amendments continued

Article XII - Amendment of Bylaws

**Motion to determine number of people needed for amendments to the Bylaws. 2/3 vote of members present for an affirmative vote.
Motion was adopted.**

Reconsideration of Article IX Section 8 © Elections

Motion was made and seconded to open Article IX Section 8© Elections for reconsideration.

Motion passed to reopen Article IX Section 8 © by a 2/3 affirmative vote.

Article IX Section 8 © - Elections

**Motion was made to strike the word members and insert the word nominees at the beginning of the second sentence in this section
Motion passed by a 2/3 affirmative vote.**

Article IX – Elections

**Motion was made to accept Article IX Elections
Motion was adopted**

Bylaw Amendments have now been completed.

Adjourn

**Jean Davies
Recording Secretary**