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**Minutes**  
**CRWAD Annual Business Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2025**  
**3:30 pm-4:30 pm**  
**Marriott Magnificent Mile, Salon D**

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**Call to Order**

Wilkes called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm, recognizing the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

**Moment of Silence for Deceased Members**

Wilkes asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those members of the CRWAD community that were deceased in 2024.

**Thank You to Sponsors**

Wilkes thanks the sponsors of the meeting.

**Recognition of CRWAD Service**

Wilkes recognized each member of the CRWAD executive committee.

Wilkes recognized Dr. Morley and Jennifer Stalley for their work on the conference over the last few years.

Wilkes offered appreciation to the program committee for their service.

**2024 Business Meeting Minutes**

Wilkes referred the audience to review the minutes from the 2024 meeting online.

**2025 CRWAD Fellows Inductees**

Wilkes recognized the new fellows and the Fellow's nomination committee.

New Fellows Dr. Frank Belcha, Dr. Radhey Kaushik, and Dr. Rodney Moxley were recognized and thanks were offered to the Fellow Nomination Committee

**Officer Nomination and Election**

Wilkes reviewed the slate of candidates for the 2025-2026 officers.

Dr. Orhan Sahin will be the newest member of the officer team.

**Motion.** Wilkes moved and Abuelo seconded the motion to approve the agenda as written.  
Motion approved.

### **Business Items of Note**

Wilkes reported that both Dr. Morley and Jennifer Stalley are stepping down from their roles with CRWAD. Scott McVey will be the new Executive Director. Wilkes noted that there was a committee formed to secure the future of meeting services with FASS, a Division of ADSA.

Wilkes thanked Dr. Morley and recounted her history with Dr. Morley and noted that his work with CRWAD has built the meeting to a higher level than ever before.

Several attendees stood to thank Dr. Morley for his specific contributions to the CRWAD over his tenure.

### **Executive Director's Report on CRWAD 2025**

Dr. Morley thanked the attendees for the years of service with CRWAD.

Dr. Morley reviewed the number of attendees and presentations at the 2025 meeting. He noted that presentation numbers are at pre-COVID levels.

Dr. Morley reviewed various statistics related to the meeting. He noted several partner organizations for recognition, as well as the student award sponsors.

The current basic financial situation for CRWAD was reviewed. Dr. Morley referred the group to several expense categories, particularly the cost of food and beverage, wi-fi, and AV support. Dr. Morley noted to the group that the current hotel, The Marriott Downtown Chicago, is one of the most expensive hotels in the country. The conference is currently scheduled for 2026 and 2027 at the Marriott Downtown Chicago. Dr. Morley and Stalley will be leaving the conference with \$120,000 in the bank.

Dr. Morley expressed his support of the council's decision to use FASS for future meeting planning services.

The slate of 2024 winners for the annual awards were reviewed and the winners were given a round of applause.

Jennifer Stalley was thanked and recognized for her service.

Brandy Burgess was given an award for her service on the program committee.

Dr. Morley welcomed the new President, Dr. Weiping Zhang.

### **President's Message**

Dr. Zhang gave thanks to Wilkes as outgoing President.

Dr. Zheng invited all to attend the poster sessions.

### **Adjourn**

Dr. Zhang adjourned the meeting at 4:07 pm.