

Krewe of St. Andrews Annual Meeting

Friday, March 20, 2026

Doors opened at 5:30 PM

Official welcome and opening of the evening by President Pam Wiggins at 6 PM

Pam introduced the Finance Committee (Carlos Cintron and Ashley Dunnigan) to the membership- last year the Board unanimously approved a Finance Committee to handle the finances and business of the Krewe rather than tasking one person (Treasurer) with all the responsibility.

The current Board of Directors joined Pam as she introduced Don Cox, retired Treasurer Emeritus, and presented him with a beautifully engraved wooden board as a token of appreciation for 20+ years of service to the Krewe of St. Andrews as Treasurer, historian, photographer and all the many hats he has worn throughout his 25 years of membership. The membership was invited to sign the back of this very special gift, emotions ran quite high.

Don gave the Invocation, and the dinner began.

After dinner, Pam called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Pam encouraged every member to visit the Committee Sign-up table and commit to serving on at least one committee. We need everyone's participation to be successful!

Candidates for the President-Elect and Board of Directors were introduced- voting will be for President-Elect and 3 Members at Large. Each candidate was given a few minutes to introduce themselves and explain why they want to be elected.

Peter Slatcoff is the candidate for President-Elect. Candidates for Member at Large are

Charlie Coram, Carol Lucas, Chris Miller, Carlos Cintron, Rick Hayward and Jon Biddle. Jon requested that he be removed as a candidate for Member at Large and be written on the ballot as candidate for President-Elect.

Royal court positions were introduced next- each candidate was given a few minutes to speak.

King & Queen (running unopposed): Rick and Lori Cowan. Rick explained that the theme for the 2027 Mardi Gras will be the Pearl Jubilee Mardi Gras. This will be KOSA's 30th anniversary; traditionally, the pearl is the symbol of 30 years. Membership reacted to this announcement with applause and much excitement!

Royal Court candidates are Sam and Robin Dunn, Micah McCormick and Bailee Walker, Jamie Watson, Chris Smith and Ashley Dunnigan, Rick and Ann Hayward, Jimmy and Jody Kirk, and Rick Ackerman and Donna Williams.

Jan Cox then explained the voting procedure; the process of checking in and voting began following this explanation. Completed ballots were collected and handed to the counting team for tallying.

The business meeting continued while the counting team worked on election results.

Members of less than 3 years were recognized, all have attended New Member Orientation. Congratulations!

Pam recognized and thanked Board members (Chris Smith, Eric Billot, Kurt Bergman, Donna Williams, Micah McCormick and Jan Cox), Finance Committee, Float Captains and Committee Chairpersons. Pam expressed her gratitude for all volunteers in helping to make this year and this Krewe successful- each member is valuable!

Finance Committee report was given by Carlos Cintron and Ashley Dunnigan. A summary of all fundraisers was given including donations and grants, den rentals, membership dues, etc. Dues alone will not sustain this organization- Carlos gave a summary of what is needed to operate the Den (SBA loan,

insurance, utilities, maintenance etc.). KOSA is making progress, Carlos encouraged members to contact him with any questions about finances.

Chris Smith discussed the Festival, acknowledged partners/donors (The Dive and City of Panama City, DPC)- he announced that KOSA is now a signature event and a budget line item for the City of Panama City! This is a major accomplishment for KOSA , thank you President Pam for your efforts in getting this done! He also encouraged the membership to engage with committees and the Leadership team, get involved and keep this momentum moving forward. Chris introduced the new Social Media Policy; he also explained that the Membership Handbook is “under construction” and will be available again online as soon as the review and revision process is complete.

With the vote tallying complete, Jan Cox announced the new President-Elect and Board members:

By your vote, the President -Elect is Jon Biddle

By your vote, the incoming Members at Large are Charlie Coram, Rick Hayward and Carlos Cintron.

The Royal Court will be formally introduced at the next Quarterly meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Jan Cox, Secretary