**Members Present:**  Nancy Gagnon; Beth Esser, Kathy Gauger; Marie Lewis; Rob Wilkinson

**Members Excused:** Dave Lowe

**Others Present:** Jayne Mullins, OAA Consultant; Jane Mahoney, OAA Consultant; Janet Zander, Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator; Wes Martin, GWAAR Board Vice-Chair; Rosanna Mazzara, Office Coordinator

**Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Rob Wilkinson, Vice Chairperson.

**Review and Approval of Agenda:**

*Motion by Beth Esser, second by Nancy Gagnon, to approve the June 26, 2019 Agenda. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Review and Approval of the November 30, 2018, Draft Minutes:**

*Motion by Nancy Gagnon, second by Marie Lewis, to approve the December 7, 2018 draft minutes. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Election of Chairperson Vote:**

* The floor was opened for members to nominate a member for the position of council chairperson, including nominating themselves if interested.
* Rob Wilkinson was nominated as Advisory Council Chairperson.

*Motion by Beth Esser, second by Kathy Gauger, to nominate Rob Wilkinson as Advisory Chairperson. Motion unanimously carried*.

* Rob Wilkinson accepted the nomination as Advisory Council Chairperson.

*Motion by Nancy Gagnon, second by Marie Lewis, to elect Rob Wilkinson as Advisory Chairperson. Motion unanimously carried.*

* Nominations and Vote for Vice-Chairperson to be on the November 8th Advisory Council Agenda.

**GWAAR Advisory Council By-Laws:**

Advisory Council discussed the implementation of official term limits for its members. This would involve sending a written recommendation to the GWAAR Board and a vote to incorporate this change to the Advisory Council section in the GWAAR Board By-Laws. The vote could take place at the October 11, 2019 Board Meeting.

A possible recommendation might look something like:

* 3 members at 1 year, 3 members at 2 year, and 3 members at 3-year terms
* Current Advisory Council Members will select among themselves which term limits will be with which members
* All Advisory Council Member terms shall be for 3 years
* Maximum number of consecutive terms shall be 2
* The specifications for these term limits shall be effective January 1, 2020

**AAA Plan – Progress Update:**

Jane Mahoney gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the progress GWAAR has made on its 2019 AAA Goals. The progress report covered Advocacy, Elder Nutrition Program, Caregiver& Dementia Support, Healthy Aging, Elder Justice, Local Priorities, Coordination Between Titles III & VI, and Targeted Populations related goals.

**Advocacy - Update:**

Janet Zander gave a 2019 GWAAR/WAAN Legislation Tracking overview. Some important legislative topics included:

* AB 76: Hours of instruction program for nurses aides
* AB 83: Authorizing creation and implantation of an advance directive registry and granting rule-making authority.
* AB 126: Creating a non-refundable individual income tax credit for certain expenses incurred by a family caregiver to assist a qualified family member.
* AB 132: Electric bicycles and providing a penalty.
* AB 168: The requirement for stating name and address prior to voting.
* AB 242: Establishing a Palliative Care Council.
* AB 246: Voter registration
* AB 247: Absentee voting and voting procedures
* AB 287: Certifications for advance directives and finding of incapacity related to powers of attorney for health care.

Save the Date: **Tuesday, May 12, 2020: Aging Advocacy Day!**

**Advisory Council Member Recruitment:**

* One of the main objectives of the GWAAR Advisory Council is to guide and advise GWAAR on their 3-Year AAA Plan. Their input is vital in making sure we continue to meet the needs of the aging population in our state.
* We will possibly have a new Advisory Council Member at the next meeting. Information will be provided at the next meeting and the agenda will state if a vote will be taken.

* Advisory Council Application forms were passed out and members were encouraged to seek out people and forward applications to those they think might be interested and make good additions/contributors to the GWAAR Advisory Council. They were also invited to pass along any suggestions to Bob Kellerman, who would follow-up.

**Member Updates:**

* It was mentioned that the Benefit Specialist Programs are a wonderful and vital program for seniors. More people need to be made aware of the enormous amount of assistance they can provide the elderly, especially in terms of their ability to help in Medicare appeals.

**Next Meeting Date: November 8, 2019; Portage County ADRC**

**Adjournment:**

*Motion by Nancy Gagnon, second by Marie Lewis to adjourn meeting at 2:05 p.m. Motion unanimously carried*

**Recorder:** Rosanna Mazzara, Office Coordinator