

Nominating Committee Conference Call

10:00 a.m. – Monday, October 30, 2006

Larry Walker, chairman
Jeremy Halbreich
Patrick Birmingham
Nelson Clyde IV
Darrell Coleman
Ken Whalen
(Darla Thompson secretary)

Larry: first item is to re-nominate **Olaf Frandsen to serve two-year term**

Jeremy: moved

Patrick: second

all aye

Larry: need to name two new people

Jeremy: suggest it's time to put somebody from *Houston Chronicle* on board, especially since *The Dallas Morning News* has slipped away a bit. Also *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – Wes Turner did such a great job on the board and on this year's convention, bring Wes back again. CNHI represents 14 papers, Jim Wilson was a good board member, but is no longer on the board.

Nelson: number one person on my mind this morning is Steve Beasley at *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, which would bring Morris Communications to the board.

Larry: nominate **Steve Beasley for full three-year term**, filling spot vacated by Buddy King

Nelson: moved

Jeremy: second

all aye

Nelson will extend the formal invitation to Steve Beasley.

Larry: at *Houston Chronicle* suggest Matt Oliver to fill two-year term open because Nelson Clyde IV was elected treasurer

Ken: also Tom Stephenson at *San Antonio Express-News* for that circulation slot, since Larry Walker leaves board at end of this year.

Motion to nominate **Matt Oliver for two-year term**, and to nominate **Tom Stephenson as the alternate** in case either of the two nominees declines.

Jeremy: moved

Patrick: second

all aye

Larry to ask Jack Sweeney's OK for Matt Oliver to serve.