CCA meeting, Jan. 16, 2018

The meeting convened as scheduled at 12:15. Those attending: Betsy Russell, Joan Cartan-Hansen, Melissa Davlin, Clark Corbin, Kevin Richert, Seth Ogilvie, Rebecca Boone, Bill Spence, Bryan Clark, Sharon Fischer, Kyle Pfannelstiel, Nina Rydalch, and Dave Groins.

1. Welcome. Russell welcomed the members.

2. Approval of minutes of 2017 annual meeting. Cartan-Hansen moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ogilvie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Financial report. Russell reported finances are looking good after the purchase of a new refrigerator for $148 in the 2017 session, as well as $22 in office supplies at the beginning of the 2018 session. Corbin moved to accept, and Russell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. President's report. In light of the respectful workplace training, Russell reminds reporters that if anyone in the statehouse makes them feel uncomfortable, they can come to her. Davlin has been tapped to serve on the respectful workplace committee with legislative leadership, lawmakers, and lobbyist representatives.

There are changes in cell phone reception; Verizon has improved since last year after not working at all last year, but now T-Mobile and AT&T are not working.

Russell reminded everyone to enter Idaho Press Club contest.

Access hours to the capitol have changed. State decided to lock capitol until 7 a.m. year-round, despite cafeteria opening at 6:30 and some meetings starting at 7. While they're trying to get that changed, the state has now made our badges work to give us access to the building on outside doors 6 am to 9 pm.

Ogilvie reports the committee meeting rooms have been locked when they're not in use. Russell says that is normal, but it hasn't been consistent.

5. Election of officers. Those up to reelection are Kevin Richert, Sean Ellis and Melissa Davlin. Fisher moved to re-elect all three. Ogilvie seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Spence moved to nominate Kimberlee Kruesi for the committee opening left by Bill Dentzer, who moved to Utah. Richert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Media access concerns --

No real changes from what we've done in the past. The CCA had an application from a retired journalist this year because he wanted to do freelance work, but Betsy turned him down because he was writing letters on behalf of lawmakers to constituents.

Corbin pointed out Joint Rules say Chambers are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday.

7. Other business. Russell reminds people to pay for dues.

Spence asked about whether we want to have Cap Correspondents movie night and maybe go to dinner. He offered to organize.

Davlin asked about supplies between printer and coffee maker -- all in good shape, Russell said.

Boone offers to host Sine Die pot luck party at her house.

Cartan-Hansen moves to adjourn. Richert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.