I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm ET.

II. COUNCIL TRANSITION
Seating of the 2020-2021 Council
The Council officially transitioned to the 2020-2021 Council.

Vision for 2020-2021
Merkle provided an overview of his goals for the 2020-2021 year. These included: building a strong, ongoing mentoring program within AAPOR; working to restructure the DCC so that our diversity efforts are more fully supported using the same structure as our other standing committees with a more direct tie to Executive Council; working to make our efforts with Stanton more efficient, response times quicker, and employ metrics to gauge success; working with AAPOR’s Task Force on 2020 Pre-Election Polling to ensure a quality report is produced in a timely fashion and that it’s effectively communicated to the media and public; taking the next steps on the Conduct Policy, Code and Bylaws by effectively communicating proposed changes
to the membership and bringing them to a vote; putting a special focus on our finances during this financially challenging time including the budget, revenue generation and our investments.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Investments

The Investment Subcommittee would like to have the flexibility to decrease the proportion of equities in AAPOR’s investment portfolio, given the uncertainty in the economy. The subcommittee requested flexibility to reduce equities to 20% if need be, which is below the approved 25-50% range in AAPOR’s Investment Policy. The subcommittee already decided to lower equities to 25% and may want to make future reductions after monitoring the market further.

MOTION: to authorize the Investment Subcommittee to lower the equity percentage to as low as 20%, if needed, through the end of 2020. Starting January 1, 2021 the investment percentages will revert to what is outlined in the AAPOR Investment Policy. Committee motion, no need for a second. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

IV. WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

MOTION: to adjourn. Schaeffer moved, Losch seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm ET.