

**GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

Denise R., Chair  
Carol N., Deputy Chair  
Mark J., Treasurer  
Mark P., Secretary  
Jim A., Advisor I  
Eric W., Advisor II  
H. Pierre B., Advisor III

Absent:

Rob F., Technical Liaison

**Chair—Denise**

- Denise called the meeting to order and opened with a moment of silence, and we recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:32 pm.
- Face-to-face meeting and GSO in October: Denise will draft an announcement for the website about the face-to-face, its location, dates and times and inviting interested members of the GLBTQ community to attend. She'll circulate a draft to the committee for review and comment before posting. Travel arrangements were discussed; members will e-mail Denise, Mark P. and Carol about flight times/arrivals. They'll coordinate pick-ups in New Jersey as necessary.
- She requested committee members send items to her that they would like to see presented on the face-to-face agenda(s) by October 1.

**Secretary's Report—Mark P.**

- Mark distributed draft August minutes in advance of the meeting; Denise asked for attendance to be revised to reflect that Rob was absent; upon motion made by Mark J. and seconded by Pierre, the minutes as corrected were approved.
- Mark also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions with the minute draft (groups contributed \$178.49 by mail, and there was one online contribution in the amount of \$60).
- He will send final August minutes to Rob/Eric for website posting.

**Treasurer's Report—Mark J.**

- Mark J. sent his report for the month ended August 31 prior to the meeting; we have a checking balance of \$7,955.94; income/contributions totaled \$848.29 and expenses were \$460.87. International conference funds are \$5,000.38, and the prudent reserve is \$10,001.31.
- Upon a motion made by Mark P. and seconded by Pierre, the treasurer's report was approved.
- There was a follow up discussion about the posting of treasurer's reports on the website; per Eric, Rob has to do some technical work to allow for another document to be posted along with minutes (Denise will address with Rob).
- Effective January 2017, insurance renewals will be set up for monthly automatic payment.
- Contributions were discussed and we've received about \$4,800 calendar year to date; Carol and Mark J. will provide a trends analysis to see where we stand compared to prior years. Mark J. believes were slightly higher but will work with Carol for more definitive numbers.

### **Deputy Chair—Carol**

- Annual Elections: Carol drafted a write-up for website and e-mail blast to contacts/subscribers; we'd like service resumes submitted between October and end of November.
- Mark J. suggested (this was a take-away from the annual survey last year) that we mention at the beginning of the notice that candidates need not reside in Oregon to serve on the committee, i.e., they can live anywhere in world; Denise will draft additional language and send to Carol.
- When finalized Eric will post the notice and send the e-mail blast about elections.

### **Advisor III—Pierre**

- Archiving/storage: No update.
- Cruise/fundraising: Pierre wrote Jay at Vast Passages explaining that 2016 and early 2017 were not good times and thanked him for the proposal. We will consider other fundraising options as well (conference, etc.) after the face-to-face meeting and elections.

### **Advisor I—Jim**

- For Sober & Out, Jim sent Denise a proposal on distribution as requested. We could publish a notice in the newsletter about the availability of the book or do it in an e-mail blast. The committee decided to table further action on the distributions until after the face-to-face meeting.

### **Advisor II—Eric**

- Round-ups: He got feedback and is keeping up with e-mails and updates coming in; remainder of 2016 is up to date on website; and he is starting to go through the 2017 calendar, going to round-up websites to obtain contact and relevant event information.
- Treasurer's report postings: discussed above; Rob needs to do some programming as it was decided to post separate monthly reports from the minutes (we considered combining the two to avoid the system reconfiguration but will post them separately).
- Eric touched upon and the committee discussed discontinued meetings we continue to list; people have showed up for an AA meeting where GaL-AA had not been notified of a group's disbanding. Little can be done in this regard except to send a diplomatic, apologetic response. There was a recent incident of someone showing for a meeting in Boston (based on our outdated listing) that had been discontinued for a long time. A couple of corrective suggestions were that we'd include a reference/notice in the newsletter that groups should notify us about group changes, especially group discontinuations.

### **Technical Liaison—Rob (no report)**

#### **New Business:**

- None.

### **NO SKYPE MEETING WILL HELD IN OCTOBER IN LIEU OF THE FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS IN NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK VISIT TO GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark J. and seconded by Mark P., and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.