

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 28th, 2016 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order and opened with a moment of silence, she recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:35 pm.
- She reported that she has been working with the Rhode Island intergroup to get a link to GaL-AA.org on the intergroup's website (she is starting with Rhode Island as she knows people in the office and will find out the process; we intend to link from other intergroups as well). She is also working with a girl in the Chicago intergroup; they have only one GLBT+ meeting listed. According to Jim, there's an LGBT+ club near Boystown (probably an Alano club).
- Mark J./Mark P. will send Denise the email addresses of the various area delegates throughout the U.S. from the GSO service directory obtained while we were in New York.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark distributed draft face-to-face minutes for October 29 and 30 in advance of the meeting (Carol noted a correction to be made in the number of positions up for election in the Saturday minutes); upon motion made by Carol and seconded by Pierre, the minutes as corrected were approved. Mark will give a final proof and submit any typographical revisions in a marked version to Denise and Carol for review/final approval.
- Mark also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions with the minute draft (groups contributed \$834.14 by mail, and there were online contributions in the amount of \$60 [Venmo and Square Cash from committee officers from the October meetings]).
- He will send final October minutes to Rob/Eric for website posting.

Treasurer's Report—Mark J.

- The October treasury report was tabled and will be presented or updated with November's at the December 28 meeting.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- Annual Elections: Carol announced that three people expressed interest in running for positions: Denise will rerun for Chair, Jim will rerun for Advisor I and we received a resume from Nicholas in New Orleans interested in any available position (he's been sober since 2013).
- Carol will reach out to Mike N. on protocol and what the procedure to follow when no one is running against a given candidate, as is the case for all four positions currently. There was formal interest expressed in the Treasurer position, and Mark J. will check with Jim D. (he was in treasurer for the Atlanta International committee) to see if Jim is interested.

- The Statement of Inclusion modification we made at the October meetings needs to be reflected in our committee bylaws; Carol will also check with Mike on amendment procedure (this may have to be done in person [follow-up item for March face-to-face]).
- Carol will report back and or notify the committee on next steps.

Advisor III—Pierre

- Pierre sent insurance information to Mark J. and to Denise.
- Our policy going into effect January 29 is about the same price as in prior the policy year; Kim H. is our insurance agent.
- James R. (archivist) will be on and give a report at the December 28 Skype meeting; Pierre had relayed to him the committee's decision to keep archives at James' home.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- Rob has been reviewing minutes for action items applicable to him
- He is also working on the web migration to University (this has been delayed due to work schedule/vacation and holiday in general), but it is on track so we can migrate remaining content.

Advisor II—Eric

- Great job noted on Eric's getting out fall newsletter.
- He has since been answering emails and updated one roundup posting.
- Mark J. added a new transgender meeting in Atlanta (noting that Eric/Rob has to go in and approve it—Rob agreed to take care of this); Rob will check if other meetings are in the que or need approving—we were OK for approvals through last week per Eric).
- For next newsletter Eric has reached out to two submitters with very long stories. One was from Finland and this writer agreed to consult with a friend as he knows the English is poor).
- Future newsletters will indicate multiple venues for submitting contributions (i.e., add Venmo and Square Cash to ability to contribute online on our website).
- Emails have come in about PayPal suspending our account for lack of IRS documentation; Mark J. will address right away and subsequently got the account reinstated.
- There was a brief discussion of PayPal and recent news that shed poor light on the vendor/service's executive; we noted it was a good time to stress alternate ways for members to contribute to GaL-AA.

Advisor I—Jim

- Jim was listed at contact for Sober & Out for institutions in the latest newsletter; he had also taken a referral for a woman traveling to LA and looking for meeting suggestions; Jim send her a link to the many area meetings.
- Eric has also incorporated Jim's suggestions on subscriptions to our membership and online donations in prominent location on page 1 of the fall news..

Old Business:

- Next meeting in addition to update on the election progress and discussion on archives will be planning for the March face-to-face at the Detroit roundup
- Denise will look into roundup registration/rooms and consult Gary about a room for us for meeting purposes.



New Business:

- None.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 28TH, 2016 AT 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark J. and seconded by Rob, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.