

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 28th, 2016 (Skype Meeting) 7:37 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 7:37 pm.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark distributed draft November minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions with the minute draft (groups contributed \$657.20 by mail, and there were no online contributions).
- He will send final November minutes to Rob/Eric for website posting.
- The committee reviewed Mark's revisions to our contribution acknowledgement letter (it was updated for the 2016 year; he also added a statement as to the tax deductibility of contributions by individuals). Denise proposed several minor revisions/enhancements. Mark will finalize with Denise's comments and start sending to acknowledge funds received and thank contributors.

Treasurer's Report—Mark J.

- Mark J. sent his reports for the months ended October 31 and November 30 prior to the meeting; we have a checking balance of \$4,361.83; income/contributions totaled \$656.67 and \$869.14, respectively, and expenses were \$4,078.51 and \$71, respectively. International conference funds are \$5,000.50, and the prudent reserve is \$10,001.80.
- Mark and Pierre will keep an eye out for the remainder of a rebate due from the bank. We have already been rebated \$1,000 for merchant services from back in 2014 when we set up payment services for the International Convention. The services included stickers and swipe cards/ accounts we never used.
- Upon a motion made and seconded, the treasurer's reports were approved.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- Carol announced the election results:
 - Denise reelected Chair
 - Pierre elected Treasurer
 - Jim reelected to Advisor I
 - Randall R. elected Advisor III
- Carol will send Denise Randal's contact information.
- Pierre will look into adding Randal to our insurance policy.

- Denise will notify Randal and obtain confirmation of his appointment.

Advisor III—Pierre

- James R. (archivist) could not be present to give a report due to a death in the family; Pierre will obtain from and/or ask him to send a report to Denise and she'll forward it to committee members.
- Mark J. will transition the treasury to Pierre.

Jim left the meeting.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- Rob indicated that he has kept up to date with the election notices, postings and e-mail blasts.
- He will post the election results following prior year models for new officers/positions.
- We discussed Square Cash and Venmo, and Rob may place new links near/around the PayPal button on the website (which is a separate widget); he will work on customizing to show the three ways to contribute online and agreed that it is a priority.

Advisor II—Eric

- He is working on Q1 newsletter; contents will include election news and a poem submitted in December with a signed release.
- He has not heard from the two contributors that submitted lengthy stories, but Mark J. agreed to send his personal story for the issue.
- Eric will get a draft out before January 12.
- Mark J. will put out a Facebook notice that we're looking for personal stories (500 to 800 words in length, double spaced in 12-point font).
- Roundup updates/information are in good shape, last was Big Apple.
- Eric received a request to list "recovery weekends" from Kevin M. from a Texas Lambda group; there was discussion pertaining to these being AA events vs. summer and ski weekends, respectively. If roundups with actual workshops, we would permit them to be posted. Eric will obtain more information and solicit the committee's feedback before posting any information about the weekends.

Advisor I—Jim

- No report.

Pierre exited the meeting.

Old Business:

- Denise has a call into Gary at Detroit roundup for hotel rooms and a meeting space for March during our stay at the roundup.
- Randal may be able to coordinate with Denise as he's a roundup committee member.



New Business:

- Mark J. brought up the cost of Earth Class mail and indicated pricing for the mail service has gone up steadily. Earth Class is in receivership/filing for bankruptcy.
- We discussed alternatives (obtaining mail from the box less frequently or using other vendors) and the committee's history with mail/receiving contributions at officers' residential addresses. Mark P. will contact Earth Class to discuss what can be done to reduce costs for mail services. In the meantime he'll continue to receive mail twice a month.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 1ST, 2017 AT 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark J. and seconded by Rob, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.