

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Rob F., Technical Liaison

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence and recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:31 pm.
- She reported that we confirmed no challenges on the revised GaL-AA bylaws from members after the requisite 30-day posting on gal-aa.org. Mark will prepare a final PDF of the bylaws and submit to Eric/Rob for posting on our website.

Secretary’s Report—Mark P.

- Mark distributed draft September minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Rob and seconded by Jim, the minutes were approved (Mark to correct date at top of draft to reflect September for the month).
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$700.28 by check, and online contributions from groups and individuals totaled \$318.85.
- He will send final September minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

Treasurer’s Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent treasury reports for the months ended August 31 and September 30 prior to the meeting. Details for our operating/checking account (beginning balances, income, expenses, ending balances) were as follows:

	August	September
Beginning Balance	\$5,762.49	\$5,701.97
Income	\$0.00	\$557.74
Expenses	\$60.52	\$63.90
Ending Balance	\$5,701.97	\$6,195.81

- At September 30, international conference funds were \$5,000.83, and the prudent reserve was \$8,004.15 (Pierre will transfer \$2,000 from checking to back to prudent reserve now that operating funds are restored to above \$6,000).
- Upon motion made by Carol and seconded by Mark, the reports were approved.
- Jim will work with Pierre on reformatting the Excel spreadsheet for the reports; Mark/Eric to assist in assembling prior monthly treasury reports for website posting.

Deputy Chair—Carol (Elections)

- Congrats to Eric on his election coverage in yesterday’s newsletter.

- Any member interested in the position of Deputy Chair, Secretary or Advisor II may submit his or her service resume to elections@gal-aa.org. She will speak to Rob about accessing e-mails/resumes interested members send.
- Incumbents Carol, Mark and Eric, respectively, expressed their interest in rerunning for their current positions on the committee.

Advisor I—Jim

- Also kudos to Eric for newsletter work.
- Jim may not be available for the November meeting, but will send an update on his continued work on metropolitan LGBT+ meeting hyperlinks.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob (through Denise)

- Rob continues work on email transition to Gmail.

Advisor II—Eric

- In addition to sending out newsletter, Eric indicated several roundups have reached out to us to update their own information. We are up to date through remainder of 2017 and through about the first half of 2018 (through April/May).

Old Business (International Convention):

- Pierre has reached out to Gregg T. on hotels and rental spaces for the 2020. Pierre indicated there are constraints in that less is available for us in Detroit versus Atlanta in 2015. Greg will try to help us and expects to present options to us in December or early 2018. Pierre let him know we are thankful for his help. Pierre to update Randall with relevant info as it becomes available.
- Randall will work on a flyer to form a committee in January (see discussions in prior minutes about interest already expressed by AAs in the area and committee support).
- Denise will send Randall names of people in Detroit from the March roundup that were also interested in joining area committee efforts.
- The next Together we Can/Detroit roundup is March 23 through 25, 2018, and it was proposed to tentatively hold our next face-to-face/in-person meeting there. We also discussed the possibility that Ron D. (former Atlanta chair for 2015 if he's willing) could come along to give us a boost. All were in favor of this.
- All committee members will check their calendars, and discussion and final plans will continue at subsequent meeting(s).

New Business:

- Carol received an e-mail September 22 from the recovery advocacy staff of a for-profit treatment facility in Columbus, Ohio (The Recovery Village) inquiring if we would post a link from gal-aa.org to that facility's website. The request was discussed, and the consensus among the executive committee was that we should respectfully decline posting the link. Carol will respond to the staff of the center informing them that we cannot accommodate the request in keeping with our tradition of avoiding endorsements.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017, at 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Jim, and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.