

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Rob F., Technical Liaison
Jim A., Advisor I

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence and recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 pm.
- Denise asked about the status of posting the revised bylaws on the website; Mark and Eric confirmed that they posted them yesterday.
- For elections, we'll continue accepting service resumes through the end of November, and then the election/voting process goes underway.
- Denise gave a brief update for Rob who is out of town: his extensive travel is coming to an end, he hasn't mentioned anything more about work with Brian, but he will be back next meeting.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark distributed draft October minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Pierre and seconded by Carol, the minutes were approved.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$479.10 by check, and there was one online contribution from a member for \$20.
- He will send final October minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent his treasury report for the month ended October 31 prior to the meeting. Our checking beginning balance was \$4,534.98, income and expenses totaled \$719.47 and 2,065.40, respectively (the \$2,000 .expense item was a transfer back to prudent reserve) and ending checking balance was \$3,189.05.
- International conference funds were \$5,000.92, and the prudent reserve was just over \$10,000. Pierre indicated insurance has been paid, that our only expense in October was for mail service and that we should have sufficient funds for the next face-to-face committee meeting in 2018. Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Eric, the report was approved.
- Our tax return for period ended December 31, 2017 will be filed (simple Form 990 for non-profit organizations, and Pierre will connect with former treasurer on filing).
- The committee discussed the proposed reformatting of the treasurer's reports and (after a motion made by Mark and seconded by Carol) it was vote to retain the current format for the reports. Mark will connect with Pierre about prior Excel spreadsheets, and Mark and Eric will work on posting prior months treasury reports on the web.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- No report.

Advisor I—Jim

- No report, although Jim sent metropolitan LGBT+ meeting hyperlinks in the Houston, Austin and Dallas areas earlier this week for posting on website.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob (through Denise)

- See above.

Advisor II—Eric

- In addition to posting the bylaws, Eric has updated round-ups through the first half of 2018.

Advisor III—Randall

- In addition to working on a flyer to generate interest in local International Committee efforts, Randall is also making a list of categories for local International Committee positions and will confirm chairs for each group.

Old Business (Face-to-Face Meeting):

- We agreed the next in-person meeting would be March 22 through March 25 in 2018. The agenda will be: committee business meetings on Thursday and Friday, attending the roundup with a workshop/spot Saturday morning or afternoon on local efforts/actions, and returning Sunday, March 25.
- Ron D. will be invited, and GaL-AA will pay for his hotel; he has a lot of knowledge he could impart to roundup attendees interested in service opportunities on the local committee. Pierre will check with him about his availability (he is pretty sure Ron has agreed to attend). Ron is a key person, as we have a history and followed a path that was very successful in Atlanta.
- All agreed to mark their respective calendars for the face-to-face (Mark will send a notice to Jim and Rob at the conclusion of tonight's meeting about the 2018 dates as well as next Skype meeting).
- Denise indicated she will be meeting with the Rhode Island intergroup next week about posting a hyperlink to GaL-AA from the intergroup's website (this would be a valuable precedent that we could use with other intergroups/areas and regions in obtaining visibility for GaL-AA in mainstream AA). She will keep us posted on developments with Rhode Island and other intergroups.
- Carol agreed to reach out to GSO to contact the person there responsible for International Conference preparations. She'll let them know GaL-AA is still active, that we've started plans to be part of the 2020 and that we're looking forward to working with GSO over the coming months and up through the convention. She'll draft a letter/e-mail to GSO and Denise will review.

New Business:

- None.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017, at 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Eric, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.