

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6th, 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
Rob F., Technical Liaison

Absent:

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, and we recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:33 pm.
- Many happy returns of the day to our Chairperson on her birthday!
- Denise indicated we received three service resumes for the currently open positions (from incumbents, Carol, Mark and Eric, respectively). No voting from members of the LBGT+ community is necessary, as all the candidates ran unopposed. Denise will draft a notice/statement for the website.
- She received an email in October from a group in France about an international AA conference asking to post info about the conference on GaL-AA's website. She will forward the request to all to review and consider. Consensus was we're generally in favor of posting and will look further into the request after review.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark distributed draft November 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 \$267.56 by check, and there was one online contribution from a group for \$100.
- Mark will send final November minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent his treasury report for the month ended November 30 prior to the meeting. Our beginning checking balance was \$3,189.05, income and expenses totaled \$579.10 and \$59.86, respectively, and the ending checking balance was \$3,708.29. International conference funds were \$5,000.96, and the prudent reserve was \$10,003.59. Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Carol, the report was approved.
- He received a bill from incorporate.com (the company that maintains our incorporation) and will pay the \$235 annual fee.
- Our next insurance payment is due January 29. Our liability policy premium is \$921 annually (broken down into monthly payments of \$80 each).
- Pierre will file our Form 990 (IRS annual tax return) with Mark J. (former GaL-AA treasurer) in 2018.
- Pierre has sent communication to Greg T. inquiring about available hotels for the International Convention (he copied Randall); he has not heard back from Greg.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- She has not corresponded with GSO and last contact was in April/May 2017. She'll write to them in December to let them know we're still here and participating in 2020 International Convention.

Advisor I—Jim

- Nothing to report in the way of hyperlinking. He noted that there was a roundup in New York City (Gay & Sober) that was a spin-off from the Big Apple AA annual roundup and asked if we'd consider posting it in our roundup/events list. After discussion, we decided not to post as was primarily for members of another LGBT+ 12-step fellowship.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob (through Denise)

- Rob continues to work on Google e-mail transitioning (synching from Dream Host to Gmail is in place, but he is unable to complete the switch from old to new); he will spend more time this month and has sent emails with little response. His busy season ended but he has not had contact with Brian. Rob will check to make sure Brian is still interested in assisting us with web technology/updating. We will have the opportunity to meet Brian at the Together We Can (TWC) roundup if Brian is there and is still interested.

Advisor II—Eric

- Roundups are updated through the beginning of 2018; he will go through remaining ones on our calendar to complete 2018 as much as possible.
- He noted support e-mails have been quiet for the last few months. Several e-mails have come in from Dream Host and Web Press (mostly concerning updates), and Eric will forward to Rob.
- He is working on a draft for the January newsletter and will submit to us for review and comments.

Advisor III—Randall

- Randall is working on the flyer and an article for the January news on Detroit local committee formation.
- He has asked for a table at the annual March AA (mainstream) roundup; which has 2,000 to 3,000 AAs in attendance. He noted that some of Detroit AA is mixed with LGBT+ participation outside the TWC roundup, including a lot of AAs that are from YPAAs (young peoples' groups/committees). We would welcome any participation from members of our community.
- Eric will get a table cloth to Randall for the mainstream roundup (it's only 5 minute from Randall's house); he'll have sign-up sheet and information available there for those interested in joining the local committee.

Old Business (Face-to-Face Meeting):

- For the March 22 through March 25 face-to-face in 2018, TWC knows we are coming; we have hotel conference rates available for our stay for Thursday, Friday and Saturday (\$199 per night).
- As was done last year, each GaL-AA committee member will pay the difference for the higher rate for Wednesday night's stay.
- The hotel will provide a complementary meeting room for us; Ron from Atlanta is coming per Pierre.
- Denise will register everybody.
- All were reminded to send Randall an email on a room choice for the roundup hotel.



New Business:

- The committee discussed the date of the next meeting; it was decided that January 3 was too soon after the holidays and that we would hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 10.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, at 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Carol, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.