

**GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Eric W., Advisor II

**Chair—Denise**

- Denise called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, and we recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 pm.

**Secretary's Report—Mark**

- Mark sent draft July minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Carol and seconded by Pierre, the minutes were approved with minor corrections suggested by Mark.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$2414.33 by check, and there was one online contribution from an individual in the amount of \$30.
- Contributions specifically earmarked for the 2020 International Convention activities totaled \$850 year to date.
- Mark will send final July minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

**Treasurer's Report—Pierre**

- Pierre sent his treasury report for the month ended July 31 prior to the meeting. Our beginning checking balance was \$4,337, income and expenses totaled \$369.33 and \$62.88, respectively, and the ending checking balance was \$4,643.45. International conference funds were \$5,001.34, and the prudent reserve was \$6,004.59. Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Jim, the report was approved.
- Randall reported that Martin from the Detroit Local International Committee is holding \$500 petty cash for miscellaneous expenses.
- Pierre indicated the IRS accepted the change in our tax/fiscal year to December 31 and, our report filed for 2017 is good for the calendar year. The next IRS tax return (Form 990) is to be filed in the January to March 15 2019 timeframe for the year ended December 31, 2018.

**Deputy Chair—Carol**

- Upcoming GaL-AA executive committee elections: up for running are the Chairperson, Treasurer, Advisor I and Advisor III. Mark, Carol and Eric will review resumes submitted and oversee the balloting which needs to start around mid-October.
- We will start getting things ready for the September meeting; putting a notice on the website and sending a blast e-mail to go out in October that we're looking for candidates. We anticipate accepting resumes/nominations from October 12 through the end of November. November 30 is the start of voting, running through December 21 (when voting closes). We will have one week to tally the votes and announce the results thereafter.
- Carol will coordinate with Eric and Rob. If incumbent executives are interested in running for another term or another position, they should update service resumes and submit them.

- Carol reported no news from GSO but continues to work with the planning committee for the 2020 International Convention; she will keep us updated as events occur.

**Advisor I—Jim**

- No report.
- Denise asked Jim if he would assist in helping Eric with answering incoming webmail, meeting updates and general inquiries. Jim indicated his willingness to do so.

**Advisor II—Eric**

- No report.

**Advisor III—Randall**

- Randall reported the Local International Committee has sent an informational request out for possible Detroit-related photo(s) for the local website (Gary to approve). There will be a contribution tab/button at the bottom of the page. The committing is looking into scan codes.
- Denise noted that the 2015 member survey information currently on GaL-AA's website can come down, and a hyperlink to the local 2020 website can go in its place. She will connect with Gary to see if he can move things farther along on getting the 2020 website up and running.

**Technical Liaison/Web—Rob**

- Rob reported he has been working with Josh (and others for the meeting plug-in). They are trying to figure the best way to list meetings and also filter for primarily LGBT+ meetings. What has been worked out is that we can use "public" data, but for "private" data we need to get permission to list meetings from areas/local intergroups. Josh will pull a list of the privates, which will require approval in writing.
- Complicating the process is that various groups/listings use different terms/coding for the type of meetings we want to tag/import: "gay", LGBT, transgender, etc. If we can get it to work this will be significant for us in updating the meeting database automatically. Central Ohio is already using the plug-in. Many more areas and local intergroups are now hooked up as well according to Rob.
- We need a form of notice to send to areas/intergroups for permission, and Jim agreed to draft something. Rob will e-mail Jim more about what the request to these groups should contain.
- Rob is still working on the website overhaul as there's more to be done there, more to come with a future update.

**Old Business:**

- Pierre will e-mail GSO again to get any update available on the Detroit hotel selection.

**New Business:**

- None.

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

**NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, at 7:30 PM EST**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.