

**GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

Carol N., Deputy Chair

Mark P., Secretary

H. Pierre B., Treasurer

Jim A., Advisor I

Eric W., Advisor II

Randall R., Advisor III

Rob F., Technical Liaison

Absent:

Denise R., Chair

**Chair—Carol**

- Carol called the meeting to order in Denise's absence, and we opened with a moment of silence and recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:28 pm.

**Secretary's Report—Mark**

- Mark sent draft June minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Rob and seconded by Jim, the minutes were approved without correction.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$1,813.42 by check, and there were three online contributions for \$132.17. No contributions were earmarked for the 2020 International Convention.
- Contributions earmarked for the 2020 International Convention totaled \$2,407 year-to-date.
- Mark will send final June minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

**Treasurer's Report—Pierre**

- Pierre's treasury sent prior to the meeting was tabled as he needs to correct (the International CD and prudent reserve/savings line items need to be switched).
- Pierre indicated that Bank of America would send documents to be signed in connection with the new checking account for the Detroit local committee. After a motion made and seconded, the executive committee members present unanimously authorized Denise, Mark and Pierre to execute any and all documents and to certify that all necessary or requested actions were taken on behalf of GaL-AA to establish and maintain the account.

**Deputy Chair—Carol**

- Carol looked into the GSO offer to reserve hotel rooms for groups of ten or more. These are basically dormitory-type that GSO has reserved in the Detroit area. We decided that we will make our own reservations. GaL-AA will pay for executive committee members' hotel rooms (up to a certain amount, estimated to be \$272 per night at this time).
- She noted that parking at Crowne Plaza is \$30 per day; and she has tentatively made a reservation for June 15 through June 20 that the hotel told her could be moved when the bookings for July 4 open up.
- Other hotels in the area are accepting reservations in the July 4, 2020 timeframe.
- Executive members will try to make their reservations if possible by the August meeting.

**Advisor I—Jim**

- Jim reported that the Hot and Dry roundup will send a contribution. He has been responding to support e-mails. He continues to copy Eric to keep him in the loop. He reported no significant updates/action items.

#### **Advisor II—Eric**

- He has received 2020 Local Committee's updates from Megan and will prepare a draft newsletter in the next week or two; the newsletter will combine spring and summer time periods.
- He reported low activity in the way of support emails, which is typical in the summer months. We are caught up with only one meeting to be updated pending more information Eric has asked for from the group.
- Eric also indicated GaL-AA gets a large number of spam emails in our account (sex, loans, junk, bitcoin, etc.). It takes some time to review and delete the unnecessary emails.

#### **Advisor III—Randall**

- The 2020 Local Committee is waiting on debit cards for the new Bank of America account (these will be sent to our Beaverton post office box; Mark is to forward these as soon as they arrive). They are also waiting to hook up PayPal.
- Flyers have been made and are being distributed for the Motown Mansion brunch.
- The local committee meets every month, and Randall indicated Megan (the local chairperson) keeps things on track. They've spent monies on printing and the post office box rental.
- The committee is waiting to hear from the hotel on when they can visit; Megan, Martin, Heidi and Randal communicate constantly.

#### **Technical Liaison/Web—Rob**

- No update. He has a list of to-do's.
- He will take down the outdated membership survey.

#### **Old Business:**

- We discussed the Atlanta-stored archives and moving them from Atlanta to the Detroit area. Randall texted Megan to remind her that we'll need an archivist. They anticipate little difficulty in getting a volunteer to commit for this service.
- Pierre and Randall will get in touch about amount of archival material to move; Detroit will retain the archives until the 2025 International in Vancouver, BC.

#### **New Business:**

- None.

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

**NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, AT 7:30 PM EST**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.