

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 (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
Eric W., Advisor II
Randall R., Advisor III
Rob F., Technical Liaison

Absent:

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order, and we opened with a moment of silence and recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 pm.
- Hotel rooms for the Detroit 2020: GaL-AA will pay for our hotel rooms, up to an estimated \$272 per night; any amount in excess will be the individual committee member's responsibility.
- Denise stated we will also have face-to-face meetings in preparation for the 2020 International Convention at the March Together We Can roundup as well as a follow-up/wrap-up meeting after the convention in November.
- We confirmed that the single GaL-AA room reservation assigned by GSO can go to someone on the Detroit Local 2020 Committee (Randall will coordinate with GSO and offer the room to a committee member).

Secretary's Report—Mark

- Mark sent draft August and revised July minutes in advance of the meeting (July was revised to clarify payment responsibility for the hotel rooms at the 2020 and to record actions taken to open the Detroit/local Bank of America checking account); upon motion made by Carol and seconded by Jim, the minutes were approved without correction.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$443.39 by check, and there were three online contributions for \$371.56. No contributions through the mail were earmarked for the 2020 International Convention, and those earmarked for the 2020 International totaled \$2,407 year-to-date, which excludes recent deposits to the 2020 local committee's new checking account (see treasury report below). Upon motion made by Rob and seconded by Denise, the contributions report was approved.
- Mark will send final July and August minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent his treasury report for the month end August 31, 2019 prior to the meeting.
- Our beginning balance was \$7,498.28 (income was \$898.37 and expenses were \$195.26). Our ending balance in checking was \$8,201.39. 2020 Our International Conference CD was \$5,001.89, and the CD for prudent reserve was \$9,006.47. The Detroit checking account balance was \$5,533.11.
- Pierre reported that he restored the prudent reserve to \$10,000, and it will show on the September report.
- Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Eric, the treasury reports were approved.
- Pierre let us know that Mark J. (GaL-AA's former treasurer) will be a speaker at the Miami roundup.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- Elections: Carol announced that upcoming GaL-AA executive committee elections would be for the positions of Co-Chairperson, Secretary and Advisor II. Carol and Rob will work on an announcement for the web and an e-mail blast (Eric to assist with posting/sending if necessary).
- The timeframe is as follows: GaL-AA will accept service resumes/applications from October 10 through October 23. The e-mail blast will go out before October 10 (we will use our last notice/blast for the three positions -- see “Old News” section on the website).
- December 9 the slate will be announced and ballots distributed via e-mail. We will conduct online voting December 9 through December 23.
- December 27 we will announce the results, and the new committee members will be installed on January 1, 2020.
- Committee members (other than those incumbents rerunning for the same position) will hold special Skype or e-mail meetings as necessary.
- Mark, Carol and Eric will submit updated service resumes to the extent they have updates in their respective service histories; otherwise, formally submitting won't be required from any of them. All three incumbents are interested in rerunning and are willing to commit to another term.
- GSO contact for 2020 International Convention: Carol indicated that she has had no contact lately with GSO, but she'll be calling on another matter soon and will reach out at the same time on GaL-AA at the 2020 International.

Advisor I—Jim

- Jim has responded to e-mails about hotels/lodging during the 2020 International.
- Going forward he'll copy Denise on responses to inquiries in addition to continuing to copy Eric.

Advisor II—Eric

- Eric reported taking care of meeting and roundup information on the website; there's one more meeting update for which he is awaiting a reply; the roundup calendar is up to date for 2020.
- Our next newsletter will be a fall issue that he'll send at end of October.
- In response to a question from Eric about our registrations for the 2020 International Convention, Denise indicated that each of us will register and get reimbursed by Pierre.
- Eric then exited the meeting.

Advisor III—Randall

- The September 22 Motown Mansion event will generate about \$3,000 in funds although the 2020 Local Committee expected a larger turnout.
- Randall indicated that Gary's partner (Tom) passed away last week and a memorial service is scheduled for September 29. The committee was saddened by the announcement, even though Tom had been ill year.
- He reported the 2020 Local Committee is working well, the new secretary will be sending Denise minutes of the committee's monthly meetings; they've been depositing cash in the new checking account and doing an excellent job with fundraisers. We acknowledged the local committee's significant work thus far.
- Randall has left a message for the Crowne Plaza to schedule a walk-through. He noted the Michigan State Convention and mainstream roundup take place there. The local committee will attend the 2020 mainstream roundup in the spring; the individual organizing the GaL-AA 2020 dance at the International Convention is running the workshops at the mainstream roundup.
- The local committee's next meeting is this Monday.
- The Saturday GaL-AA is at the Together We Can (TWC), the local committee will be present; we'll visit the Crowne Plaza while at TWC. Randall will make arrangements with the hotel event staff.



Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- No update. He has the 2020 logo to post and will remove the outdated member survey.
- Rob tested the elections email address (elections@gal-aa.org) and will work on the election notice/postings on the website and the e-mail blast.

Old Business:

- Next face-to-face meeting at TWC: We will fly into Detroit to attend TWC on Thursday, March 19 and leave Sunday, March 22.
- Randall agreed to arrange the same conference/meeting room for us for our executive meetings while there, and he'll also invite as many of the local committee's members to meet with us and for arrange for a Saturday workshop/session.
- We should work on booking our flights, planning to arrive on March 19 and depart March 22.
- Randall will also reserve hotel rooms for each of us. He reminded each of us to let him know about a room preference.

New Business:

- None.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Pierre/Carol, and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, AT 7:30 PM EST

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.