

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 4th, 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

Absent:

Rob F., Technical Liaison

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order wishing all happy holidays, we observed a moment of silence and then recited the Serenity Prayer.
- A quorum was present to conduct any business before the meeting.
- Denise again reported that we had received no service resumes for the upcoming elections for Secretary, Co-Chair or Advisor III. We still have until December 9 for interested candidates from member groups to submit them.
- In response to questions from Denise, Randall reported that we are all set for our face-to-face at the Together We Can (TWC) roundup. We'll have the same meeting room for our executive sessions and a spot/workshop during the roundup. We should have the roundup room rate for Thursday as well (he thinks around \$123 a night). Any of us should let Randall know if we have specific room preferences.

Secretary's Report—Mark

- Mark sent draft November minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Jim and seconded by Randall, the minutes were approved without correction.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$158.96 by check, and there were no online group contributions. No contributions in the mail were earmarked for the 2020 International Convention. Upon motion made by Carol and seconded by Pierre, the contributions report was approved.
- 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 end November 30, 2019 prior to the meeting.
- Our beginning balance was \$8,399.77 (income was \$709.04 and expenses were \$69.00). Our ending balance in checking was \$9,039.81.
- 2020 International Conference savings and our prudent reserve totaled \$15,009.08 (the reserve is \$10,000). The Detroit checking account balance was \$8,686.21.
- Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Jim, the treasury report was approved.
- Insurance renewals are up for next year (Pierre estimates about \$900 for liability insurance and \$200 for fidelity bonding). He will work on obtaining proof-of-insurance documentation for the Detroit local committee for when they start working with the hotel and vendors for GaL-AA activities at the 2020 International. The local committee is looking good as far as finance and fundraising.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- No report.

Advisor I—Jim

- Jim is answering emails. He had a request to send Sober & Out to one group in the United Kingdom. Shipping international is expensive, so he sent a link and other information for them to obtain it.

Advisor II—Eric

- Eric is awaiting comments on the draft newsletter and anticipates sending out his final version to GaL-AA constituents by email on Friday.
- He will continue with work on migration of documents to the G Suite.

Advisor III—Randall

- Randall indicated the last local meeting was Monday. The locals are still committed to fundraising and they're testing a volunteer application.
- For its January 13 meeting, the local committee will hold its session at/visit the Crowne Plaza. He will try to arrange for us to see the hotel on Friday or Saturday when we're at the TWC roundup.

Technical Liaison/Web—Denise reporting for Rob

- He is also working on the Goggle drive and is continuing with work on transitioning the website.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Next committee meeting will be January 8; Mark will send out a reminder to all tonight to mark calendars.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Jim, and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, AT 7:30 PM EST

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.