

ASLTA Board meeting online 3.31.2016

Present: Vice President Keri Brooks, Treasurer Bill Newell, Secretary Ben Lewis, Professional Development Chair Christine Multra Kraft, Chapter Chair Brenda Schertz, Evaluations Chair, Amy June Rowley, ASLHS Chair – Jason Zinza tried to join but technology failed, so was not able to participate.

Meeting called to order 8:20 PM Eastern

Reminder: next meetings:

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| Thursday, April 28 |
| Thursday, May 26 |
| Thursday, Sept 1 |

Updates:

Don't forget: Our responsibilities/task lists/plans that we developed in SLC needs to be uploaded to Google drive.

Vice President: Website – Keri finally has access and now will be working on uploading bios and other videos. Will show us the “new look” to the website in April ☺

eBlast went out recently – no responses

Bill and Keri still working on budget, will share as soon as possible

Evaluations – Amy June just finished her second training for evaluators. 2 more remaining trainings. Working on paperwork, figuring out how to make/manage Google documents. Getting a lot of questions/emails that take time to follow up on. Mailed letter to all lapsed certificated members, received many responses. For most, too expensive to pay back dues, some will re-apply with new system, AmyJune still hasn't heard from 2/3rds of the people.

Everyone will rollover – Professional level people will become Master level, as long as their membership and certification is current. Ben suggests creating a diagram in the next newsletter to make the rollover to the new certification system more clear

Discussion on how to alleviate confusion on membership dues vs 4-year-long certification periods.

Conference – The registration form is developed and sent to the Website developer – she will connect it to our payment system online. Now the focus is on getting the Call for Papers, the Conference Promo packet, and other information ready for the newsletter. CMK is working to set up a meeting with Kristin to get her files so we can close the books on the Minnesota conference.

Treasurer – Time to pay NAD dues- \$300 – needs a motion.

Also want us to review & approve travel policy one more time.

Chapters – Brenda has noticed there's some local groups calling themselves ASLTA, especially with Facebook pages. We recognize that it's positive that ASL teachers are working together, but will talk to them about needing to formalize their status and relationship with the National organization, or they will not be able to continue using the ASLTA name (5 groups using the ASLTA name on Facebook ie:

Austin, Georgia, etc) Agreed – she will make contact with these groups and work to encourage them to formalize their relationship/organization. If they don't move toward this, will ask them to stop using the ASLTA name.

Brenda has asked people to serve as Regional chairs to help coordinate Chapter activity - Barb Hayes – NW Chair, Henri Grau, SW Chair, Bo Clements, SE Chair, and Brenda taking care of the NE.

Working on creating list of chapters. Wants to link it with a database – names of chapters, FB information, contact info for officers, if their chapter is active (dues paid) and if the officers have paid their dues, etc – this form only available to Chapter chair, Vice President, and Treasurer

Suggest she try Googleforms – connected with Google docs.

Creation of packet containing best practices information on ASL teaching – Ben and CMK will work on this. There's already general guidelines on our website - good starting place.

Protest letter regarding the discriminatory practice of one school in California – CMK will type up letter and send to Board for feedback.

In-depth information on best practices in ASL teaching: Keri will follow up and contact Patrick Bouldreault on possibly getting a Gallaudet student to put together research-based information for us to share with programs.

Face to Face meeting – discussion of different options – having a “Fuze marathon” of 3 days of meetings. Or having East Board members meet at Gallaudet/Baltimore and West Board people meeting in Phoenix simultaneously – because when we are together, we can progress with many activities.

Face to Face meeting dates: 6/23-26

June 23 – arrive, for face to face meeting on June 24, 25, 26 – depart evening of 26th.

Newsletter – April 8 -for FINAL versions of your articles/information. Put in the Newsletter Draft folder under 2015-2016 Board

Teaching Tip plus Spotlight on a teacher who has contributed to the field – discussion of possible candidates.

Will have conference registration information, promo, call for papers.

Updates on new certification system – evaluator training, pilot test

Chapter activities – promoting current happenings, other tidbits

Reports from all Board, what projects are you working on....

New Business

Newell (Kraft) moves that the revised travel policy be passed as read. Passed.

Newell (Lewis) moves that we pay this year's NAD dues. Passed

Need to create thank you letter for donors – Brenda volunteered to do this. Discussion – ordering formal Thank You cards with ASLTA logo. Need recognition of donors in the newsletter/website/etc

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 EST