

Event: ASLTA Weekly Board Meeting

Format: Online via Zoom

Date: 5/7/17

Present:

- President Arlene Garcia
- Treasurer Bill Newell
- Professional Development Chair Christine Multra Kraft
- Member-at-Large Anbo Bottoms
- Evaluations Coordinator Amy June Rowley
- ASLHS Chair / Acting Secretary Jason E. Zinza

Absent: Vice-President Keri Brooks (unable to attend due to previous commitment)

Meeting called to order at 8:02pm EST

1) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Revise ASLTA Certification Requirements:

- Ad-Hoc committee for ASLTA-ASLRT merger have raised concerns about the requirement to have ASLTA certification in order to serve on ASLTA Board. This discourages people from running for Board positions. This needs to be worked on prior to announcing Board election and asking for nominations.

Discussion:

Amy June Rowley: Could we recognize other certifications and credentials to make it possible for others to serve on the Board, rather than requiring only ASLTA certification?

Christine Multra Kraft: All states require some type of certification as part of being a professional educator. The ASLTA Board positions must have something. ASLTA certification is equivalent to having a teaching license.

Bill Newell: Being certified to teach Deaf Ed is not the same as teaching ASL. We must be very cautious about making such credentials equivalent to ASLTA certification in terms of requirements to serve on the Board.

Arlene Garcia: Proposes to allow the Heritage Language Board position and Professional Development Chair use a Deaf Ed degree in lieu of ASLTA certification.

Jason Zinza: Why allow the Professional Development Chair to use Deaf Ed credentials rather than ASLTA? PDC should have ASLTA certification.

Bill Newell: How much do we bend the rules? What if we can say if you're appointed to a position without certification, you have to pursue ASLTA cert within a certain time frame.

Christine Multra Kraft: The PDC needs to focus on creating opportunities for PD that meets both WL and HL needs. Someone who has only Deaf Ed credentials might not be able to do this. But how specific do we become since we serve so many different constituencies? A PD person can work with WL and HL people to create opportunities.

Revise ASLTA Mission:

- Does the current ASLTA mission statement adequately reflect the organization's needs and future direction?

Discussion:

Christine Multra Kraft: It's an umbrella description with a big mission but it's general enough to suit most people. IF we want to change it, then we need to incorporate feedback from people. Get input from the field.

Conference Awards:

- We need to invite nominations from members for conference awards. What is the process?

Discussion:

Bill Newell: We haven't followed the procedures as outlined in the document since before the Minnesota conference in 2015.

Arlene Garcia: Will ask Keri Brooks to look into creating a call for submissions for conference awards. **ACTION REQUIRED:** Keri Brooks to develop an online form to invite award nominations.

2) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHAIR REPORT

ASLTA Conference Update:

- Food costs are astronomical. In conference bag, will locate a supplier / sponsor to include a snack bag. So maybe no snacks because we are providing so many meals. Second hotel can add more rooms. There are rooms available. AV rentals being investigated for the big session. Workshop AV needs are already taken care of. **ACTION REQUIRED:** CMK will get hotel confirmation info from Brooke. There are 5 rooms reserved with ASLTA's credit card for Board members.

3) VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (brought by Arlene Garcia)

ASLTA Website Update:

- Each Board member needs to review the current ASLTA page relevant to their duties. **ACTION REQUIRED:** Send Keri any content changes / additions / revisions immediately so the website can be updated prior to the conference.

Conference Elections:

- Nominations period begins May 12, via online submissions. Nomination period open through May 26, 2017.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

ACTION REQUIRED: Monthly Board reports due May 21.

ACTION REQUIRED: Update volunteer hours spreadsheet on Google Drive.

ACTION REQUIRED: Next ASLTA newsletter will be distributed June 1. Please submit content: One page per Board member to Jason E. Zinza.

5) PRESIDENT

Reminder: Facebook Live! on ASLTA restructuring needs is on May 10, 8pm EST.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017.

Time: 8:30 - 10pm EST.

Future Meetings:

May 28, 2017 (canceled, due to Memorial Day weekend)

June: Meeting every Sunday, 8-10pm EST

Meeting adjourned at 10:16pm EST.

Minutes submitted by Acting Secretary Jason E. Zinza