



## **June 15, 2018 ABOS Board Meeting minutes**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. Central Time

**In attendance:** Tina Williams, Susan Parkins, Ann Plazek, David Kelsey, Brooke Bahnsen, Lori Berezovsky, Brock Hutchison, Kris Ringwalt, Cathy Zimmerman, and Rose Huling

**Absent:** Michael Swendrowski, Brandon Thompson, Kim McNeil-Capers

### **Secretary Minutes**

The May 18, 2018 Board Minutes have been distributed to all board members and reviewed. David moved that we accept the May Minutes as written. Brock seconded. Motion carried.

### **President's Report**

#### **Email votes**

Since the May Board meeting we participated in online voting on sending an ABOS representative to conferences and related issues. It was agreed that going forward things need to be clearer as to who is going to which conference, when they are going, and how much money will be spent. There was a lengthy discussion and a separate meeting will be set up to discuss this in detail.

Rose moved that we accept the email voting results; Brock seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Conference Registration**

Tina reported that the conference registration is now live. Tina will provide us with the registration codes and related information in case we get questions from award winners, etc.

#### **Poster Sessions**

Tina has received questions from people interested in doing poster sessions at the annual conference. Sign up for poster sessions will remain open until ALA is over. We currently have a couple of poster session applicants. Board members and award winners are required to sign up and pay for the luncheons.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

David reported that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next week on June 19. He and Brooke are working the Finance Committee bylaws to help future boards and treasurers. He is still working on getting a bill from American Family Insurance; another email reminder will be sent to them. David received a quote on having an audit performed, but is quite hesitant since the quote was \$5000. He will reach out to ODLOS to see who they recommend. Vendor and membership income were both good this month.

#### **Committees**

**Advocacy:** Kim sent an email about the Advocacy Committee activities prior to this meeting.

**Awards:** Brock said that they have received several award applications, and things look good.

**BOIR:** Cathy said that they are in a holding pattern on fundraising, waiting for the audit to be completed and board approval. Tina will meet with Counting Opinions at ALA. They have a draft of our strategic plan and know the scope of the project. We should have information from them for the board's review in July.

**Bylaws:** Ann reported that there will be a special meeting in July, the results of which will affect everything, including the election cycle.

**Long-range Planning:** Susan related that Denver has been taken off the future conference list due to high pricing. After meeting with Past Presidents for guidance, Spokane was also out of the running. The 2019 conference location is narrowed down to Omaha, NE and Dallas, TX.

**Marketing:** Lori reported that the committee met earlier in the week. They decided to only order t-shirts in the sizes that sold out last year, as well as price to-go cups and car magnets. Marco Promotions offers a Difference Makers program to 501(c)(3) organizations. The chosen applicant will receive \$500 of the promotional materials of their choice, to use as they see fit. Lori will pursue this. Articles for the new newsletter are trickling in, as are suggestions for a newsletter title.

**Membership:** Kris reported that there are currently 250 members. The committee met last Monday and sent out emails to lapsed members.

**Nominations:** Ann said there isn't much going on with the Nominations committee at this time of year. She was pleased to see that board members had added to the "Things I'd Wish I'd Known" document.

**Technology:** Brock reported that the Technology Committee has been very busy. Everything has been handed off to Amigos for the new website. The preparation for the migration involved a huge amount of paperwork. So far it seems to be going well. The current website is a placeholder. The migration should be completed in the next two weeks. Brock said he received all of the committee descriptions that he needed for the new website.

### **New Business**

Tina reported that she is planning to talk to the National Talking Books people at ALA. She reached out to the Illinois Talking Book Center asking how outreach librarians can be better ambassadors for Talking Books. They saw she was with ABOS and asked her if we'd partner with them on a national level. She's hoping this turns into an ongoing partnership, with Talking Books and ABOS both benefiting.

Tina will send out a Doodle poll for the July special meeting this weekend.

Cathy motioned to adjourn; David seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:45 p.m.