



September 24, 2018 ABOS Special Meeting notes

Tina called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Central Time

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

Absent: Kim McNeil-Capers, Michael Swendrowski, Brandon Thompson, Rose Huling

Tina called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. Central Time.

Treasurer Position

Currently a new Treasurer would be elected and would have guidance from the Past Treasurer; after that they're on their own. The Treasurer serves for two years and serves one year as Past Treasurer. Tina posed the idea of having three people in rotation, the Past Treasurer, a Vice Treasurer, and the Treasurer. The board discussed the pros and cons of having three people cycling through the Treasurer position. David and Brooke, as current Treasurer and Past Treasurer, have given this much thought and voiced their concerns. They don't think it would be wise to have too many people handling the money, and it would double the work of the Treasurer to have to teach two people the ins and outs of the position. It's not always easy to get people to run for Treasurer. Building a strong relationship with Amigos would be more difficult with a new person as the contact each year, and having a new person filing taxes each year could be difficult.

Tina clarified that she envisions the first year would involve learning what's going on; the second year that person would have authority; the third year they'd move to Past Treasurer and would assume a consulting role.

David suggested having a board member at large serve on the finance committee, with the hope that they then run for Treasurer.

Ann commented that the organization hasn't been crippled by having only a current and a past Treasurer.

There is confusion about the wording in the bylaws: "The Treasurer is elected to a 2-year term and is limited to 2 consecutive terms." The wording needs to be updated.

David suggests serving two years as Treasurer and one year as Past Treasurer. The board agreed that we don't need to elect a Treasurer this year.

Technology

The Technology committee is currently tasked with being the webmaster for the ABOS website, handles listserv registrations, manages the Google account, is the administrator of all social media, oversees BOIR Tool database testing, and more. Should we have a board position dedicated to Technology?

The board discussed this and thought having someone with a strong background in technology would be a wise decision. That person could oversee the tech-based committees.

According to Brock we're just getting by with technology. It takes time and knowledge and right now things are done in response to a need or crisis, rather than being able to plan ahead for improvements or changes. The workload is heavy, and often daily. Those involved with the Technology committee all recognize that more help is needed.

It was suggested that we create the Technology board position to be two years as Technology board member, followed by one year as Past Technology board member. The board was in favor of creating the position.

What should the position be called? Brock will look into what other libraries and organizations call this position.

Meeting adjourned 4:57 p.m. Central Time.