

DC/MD AER BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2022

3:45-4:30 PM

Objectives: conference updates, elections, website

1. Welcome and roll call (5 minutes) - Al
In Attendance: Al, Abby, Matt, Ericka, Sarah, Diane, Karen, Becky, Krista
2. Determination of roles for the meeting (1 minute):
 - a. Facilitator: Al
 - b. Recorder: Abby
 - c. Timekeeper:
3. Review of meeting objectives and additions to agenda (2 minutes) - Al
 - a. Welcome new officers, conference debrief, subcommittees
 - b. New officers are:
 - i. President Al Kaufman Spring 2022
 - ii. Past President Vacant
 - iii. President Elect Karen Frank Spring 2022
 - iv. Secretary Abby Gifford Spring 2022
 - v. Treasurer Matt Spencer Spring 2022
 - vi. Board member Krista Harris-Hermann Spring 2021
 - vii. Board member Rebecca Hommer Spring 2021
 - viii. Board member Sarah Wilkins Spring 2022
 - ix. Board member Ericka Tinsley Spring 2022
 - x. Board member Diane Ducharme Spring 2022
 - c.
4. Treasurer Report (3 minutes) - Matt
 - a. \$18,610.39
5. Conference Debrief –(5 minutes) - Al
 - a. What went well, what didn't?
 - i. Zoom is not good for deaf people, particularly the breakout rooms
 - ii. Breakout rooms for people to talk and network
 - iii. Prizes and drawings
 - b. Get final numbers from Matt via email
 - c. Next year's meeting, COVID-willing, Friday March 10, 2023 at Maritime
 - i. More O&M apps stuff
 - ii. Salus had an Ohio cohort for neurological visual impairment course
 - iii. Collaboration with other fields. Interdisciplinary approach.
6. Membership update (5 minutes) - Al
Student member position has been voted in
Hannah Kleinschmidt – from UMass/Boston Voted in unanimously.
6. Subcommittees – (15 minutes) –Al

- a. We need people to lead subcommittees and recruit members to be on them
 - i. Nominating Committee – The goal of the program committee is to identify leaders within the chapter to fill vacant board positions.
 - 1. Abby will chair
 - 2. Rebecca Hommer
 - ii. Program Committee – The principal task of the committee is to plan and prepare, with the full assistance of the Board of Directors, for the next annual meeting of the chapter.
 - 1. Al will chair
 - 2. Dona Sauerburger, Karen Frank, Josh I, Anne Freitas
 - iii. Bylaws Committee – Will review, draft and submit to the membership proposed revisions and/or amendments to the bylaws of the chapter. A Board member will chair this committee.
 - 1. Karen Frank will chair
 - 2. Dona S,
 - iv. Membership Committee – Shall develop and implement a membership recruitment and retention program for the chapter in conjunction with the AER International office.
 - 1. Ericka will chair
 - 2. Jamie Austin has signed up to be on it.
 - 3. Al K, Krista, Anne Freitas
 - v. Awards Committee – The awards committee shall establish awards and criteria, is charged with the responsibility of polling the membership at least ninety days prior to the annual meeting for the purpose soliciting nominations for all awards and citations to be presented to the chapter.
 - 1. Dena Z will chair
 - 2. Al, Becky, Krista
7. Collaboration with State Steering – Al
- a. Steering has a \$3,500 grant, can be used for speaker and travel, or for a presentation. Must be used by June
 - b. <http://adifferentkindofvision.blogspot.com/>
 - c. Could be used for purchasing programs. Has to be some sort of professional development
 - d. Can we use it for enticement? Dena will check with Conchita.
 - e. Duane Geureschat?
 - f. Can we pay presenters post-conference?
 - g. Subcommittee: Jim D, Dena Z, Al K
 - h. Medical updates from Hopkins
 - i. Day long blindfold experience – deaf/blind experience
 - j. Liability (especially for O&M)
 - k. Universities and interns. How can we do one that is worthwhile?
 - l. Make and Take? Ann Cunningham -Sensational blackboard
 - m. Dine in the Dark event? Maybe for a fundraiser. Jamie in charge

- n. Blind escape room – another fundraiser. Freedom Scientific has two accessible virtual escape rooms (Carlton). Tactile dark escape room. (Ericka)
8. Action Items/Follow-up (3 minutes) - AI
- a. Next meeting: April 19, 2022 7 pm
 - b. Meeting adjourned: 4:30