

## **DC/MD AER BOARD MEETING**

**April 19, 2022**

**7:00-8:00 pm**

**Objectives:** Steering money, conference, committees

1. Welcome and roll call (5 minutes) - Al  
In Attendance: Al, Abby, Becky, Ericka, Hannah, Sarah, Karen, Dena, Krista
2. Determination of roles for the meeting (1 minute):
  - a. Facilitator: Al
  - b. Recorder: Abby
  - c. Timekeeper: We don't need no stinking timekeeper
3. Review of meeting objectives and additions to agenda (2 minutes) - Al
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4. Treasurer Report (3 minutes) - Matt
  - a. We have 18,690.77 in our account as of 4/19
  - b. We made about \$159 from the conference!
5. Steering Grant Money –(30 minutes) - Al, surprise guest Dena Zorbach
  - a. Lotfi Merabet will speak on research on CVI and brain plasticity related to blindness in May or June (\$500/hr)
  - b. Jim Deremeik has lined up Dr. Judy Goldstein (\$400/hr) to discuss low vision evaluations and the functional implications of such an exam
  - c. Alexis “Lexi” Malkin may present on Optics for Those who work with the Visually Impaired (\$400/hr)
  - d. We had other ideas: such as Dining in the Dark, Blindfold experience, Make and Take with Ann Cunningham. Anyone want to head one of these up as a stand alone? Apparently not.
  - e. Have to pay speakers by June and sessions will be open to anyone. One presentation in May/June and one in September?
  - f. One Hour sessions
  - g. ACVREP credits - yes
  - h. Leftover money, possibly purchase courses from Cody and pay conference presenters: Ericka/ Donna/ Cody?
6. Subcommittees – (15 minutes) –Various
  - a. Program Committee - Al
    - i. We have a theme for next year. SHAERing of some form. We want to work with other groups, discussing the interdisciplinary approach. Like O&M working with PTs, or how blindness affects autism, or DORS with family members. Please start thinking about who to recruit.
    - ii. Possibly Conchita doing a session?
  - b. Bylaws Committee – Karen
  - c. Membership Committee – Ericka
    - i. How to recruit members? Keep the website up to date, etc.

- d. Any other committees?
- 7. Action Items/Follow-up (3 minutes) - AI
  - a. Next meeting: Next AER meeting in summer, Tuesday August 2 @ 7:00 PM
  - b. Meeting adjourned: at 7:48