

DC/MD AER BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2023

7:00-8:30 pm

Objectives: conference, new board, subcommittees

Welcome and roll call (5 minutes) - Al

In Attendance: Al, Karen, Hannah, Matt, Krista, Sarah, Becky, Kinyatti, Ericka

1. Determination of roles for the meeting (1 minute):
 - a. Facilitator: Al
 - b. Recorder: Becky
 - c. Timekeeper: We don't need no stinking timekeeper
2. Review of meeting objectives and additions to agenda (2 minutes) - Al
3. Treasurer Report (3 minutes) - Matt
 - a. 18,978.45 in the account
 - i. Account is high because we haven't paid for conference costs yet
 - b. Still no money from the state steering committee, Al sent a follow up reminder. Should actually be getting it now.
4. New board – Welcome to Kinyatti Gakuhi and Jackie Otwell at large, Sharon Payne President-elect. Goodbye and thank you to Becky Hommer, Krista Harris-Hermann, and our student rep, Hannah Kleinschmidt
 - a. Student rep is appointed by the board and does not have to be filled
 - b.

1. President	Karen Frank	Spring 2024
1. Past President	Al Kaufman	Spring 2024
2. President Elect	Sharon Payne	Spring 2024
3. Secretary	Abby Gifford	Spring 2024
4. Treasurer	Matt Spencer	Spring 2024
5. Board member	Ericka Tinsley	Spring 2024
6. Board member	Sarah Wilkins	Spring 2024
7. Board member	Diane Ducharme	Spring 2024
8. Board member	Jackie Otwell	Spring 2025
9. Board member	Kinyatti Gakuhi	Spring 2025
10. Student Rep	vacant	

C. We have a lot of people rotating off next year (hopefully some will want to stay on), so start grooming people for board positions now.

5. Conference (15 minutes)
 - a. Deadline to register is March 1
 - b. Speakers will introduce themselves
 - c. Have 50 people signed up
 - d. Someone may need a sign interpreter.
 - i. Al will contact her to get more details

- e. All evals and certificates will be done virtually.
 - f. Conference committee meeting tomorrow
- 6. Merger with another chapter –(10 minutes) - AI
 - a. DC-Penn not interested, but will work to support us
 - b. Haven't heard back from VA
 - c. Probably no merger. We will power on.
- 7. Other activities – (15 minutes) – AI/Ericka/Diane
 - a. Another Apple Accessibility workshop?
 - i. Will revisit the conversation in April. Location options vary, Ericka will monitor.
 - b. BlindShell demo?
 - i. AI will explore this with Diane. Possibly do All-Terrain cane with it.
 - ii. Maybe April 18 at 4 at MSB
 - c. Perhaps a picnic when the weather is warmer.
- 8. Subcommittees – (15 minutes) –Various
 - a. Membership Committee –Ericka
 - i. In March the membership and nominations committee will be combined.
 - b. Bylaws Committee – Karen/AI
 - i. New bylaws have been voted in. New committees. Media, Mentor.
 - c. Awards Committee – AI
 - i. Excellence in Education – Jim Keim – nominated by Jim Deremiek
 - ii. Excellence in Rehab – nobody
 - iii. Friend of the Blind – Angie Biggs – nominated by Megan Hoover
 - iv. Overall excellence – AI Kaufman – nominated by Lisa Wright, Diane Colburn, Dona Sauerburger
 - v. Dena will run that portion of the luncheon. Everyone gets 5 minutes to speak
- 9. Action Items/ Follow-up – (2 minutes) – AI
 - a. Next meeting: March 10, 2023
 - b. Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm