

DC/MD AER Chapter Minutes

9/5/2023

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

1. Welcome and Roll Call (3 minutes) – Karen
Board Members: Al Kaufman, Sharon Payne, Matt Spencer, Jackie Otwell, Diane Ducharme, Ericka Tinsley, Sarah Wilkins, Karen Frank
2. Review of the Meeting Agenda and additions to the agenda (5 minutes)
3. Treasurer's report – Matt
Current balance: \$16, 605 in bank
Expenses to be paid - none known
4. Non-profit status – in good standing again! Thanks Al
All is paid for and in good standing, should be coming soon
We will not get any reminders in mail. Must be passed on from treasurer to treasurer
5. Student Member – any nominations?
recruit someone for March, advertise that it looks good on a resume
must be in Md or DC
None at this time, keep looking
6. State Steering team – obligations for collaborative activity?
chair - is it Dena?
are they a part of our conference
7. Subcommittees (15 minutes)
Awards Committee
Chair: Dena Zorbach, Members: Kinyatti, Becky Hommer, Krista Herman-Harris
Discussion: Al has talked to Dena, she is aware, she will get the word out that we are accepting nominations

Media Committee

Chair: Erika Tinsley, Members: Maria Mora, Krista Herman-Harris
Discussion: The committee needs to be in charge of website

Membership and Nominations Committee:

Chair: Karen Frank, Members: Josh Iryzk, Jim Deremick, Al Kaufman
Discussion:

Mentor Committee

Chair: Jamie Austin and Taylor Lahey, Members: Amy Morrell, Al Kaufman
Discussion: Have 5 mentors and mentees matched up. The next step is to figure out how to keep it going.

Program Committee – Conference March 8th at Maritime Institute

Chair: Al Kaufman, Members: Jackie Otwell, Karen Frank, Diane Ducharme, Sharon Payne

- “Unconference”, Vendors presenting, 3 rooms with 4 vendors each
- Cap of 12 vendors
- We gave vendors a deadline of Nov 1 to decide if they are coming. Have confirmation from one.
- Blind Life guy Sam will be keynote speaker
- APH presenting on Monarch prior to conference at Maritime, March 6th and 7th

8. Other Activities and Events

Dinner by the Bay??

- i. Jackie will ask Sara to contact Sheila Davis

Ophthalmology Updates

- ii. Topics: not CVI, not cognitive insufficiency
- iii. if virtual, would need to provide ACVREP credits, would get people interested
- iv. Karen will contact Jim Deremick

9. Action Items/Follow-up Discussion

- a. Matt got married this summer!!

10. Next meeting dates

Tuesday, October 3rd

Tuesday, Nov. 7th

Dec – skip

Jan. 2nd

Feb 6th

Adjourn