

DC/MD AER Chapter Minutes

11/7/2023

7:00 - 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, Kinyatti Gakuhi
2. Review of the Meeting Agenda and additions to the agenda (5 minutes)
3. Treasurer's report – Matt
 - a. Current balance - \$18,303, taking in money from vendors which has helped
 - b. Expenses to be paid - none
 - c. Received official Tax Exempt status!! - Thanks All!
4. Subcommittees (15 minutes)

Awards Committee

Discussion: a few have come in already, Dena will send out again Renaming the Excellence Award, the James Deremeik Award for Excellence. Board agreed unanimous, announced this year and begin next year
Deadline is Dec. 29th
Also deadline for DGM & CLM award is Dec. 29th

Media Committee

Discussion: Diane reached out to Sam, will make a 60 second spot to post to social media, working on a draft flyer for the conference, social media posting schedule on a weekly basis as the conference gets closer. Will put out a blast with the registration,

Membership and Nominations Committee:

Discussion:

- Current status of Lifetime members: Bob Esposito, Rob Farrell, Vera Follain-Grisell, Don Garner, Jane Li, Stephen Prine, Lois Sivits, Hulen Walker
- 7 member renewals due in November - Karen has not gotten reminder emails out yet. Sharon?
- 6 member renewals due in Dec
- Nomination: begin to solicit nominations for offices.

President-elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Board members (2)

Ballot in elate January, voting end by February 8th?
Ericka - can this go out on our facebook page?

Mentor Committee

Chair: Jamie Austin and Taylor Lahey, Members: Amy Morrell, Al Kaufman
Discussion: going well, people are staying in contact with mentor/mentee, still trying to get more people to sign up

Program Committee – Conference March 8th at Maritime Institute

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

- March 8th at Maritime Institute
- 3 groups/rooms with 3 - 4 vendors in each room
- vendors will answer the posed questions, group discussions
- lunch and awards
- keynote address: Sam from BlindLife
- session after lunch
- cost of registration is cheaper this year, \$80 member and \$100 non
- 11 vendors confirmed, APH is questionable
- need people to help with registration
- as people come in to register they will get a number (1, 2, 3) that corresponds to the room they will go to
- Al working with Jeffrey, ready to go probably next week,
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5. Other Activities and Events

Ophthalmology Updates: cancel due to Jim's retirement

6. Action Items/Follow-up Discussion

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7. Next meeting dates

Jan. 9th is this still a good date for everyone??

Feb 6th

Adjourn