

General Service Association of ABA Annual General Meeting

24 March 2018, 4:00 PM EST

Present: In Person: David Fitzgerald - Board member,  
Joan Johnston - Board member  
Quinn Klaver – Guest  
Janet Matthews  
Pat MacKay - Board member  
Shahin Shariff - member  
Dorothy Cox – Board member  
Tera Bentley - Guest

Virtual: Zoey Chanin - Board member  
Amy Gillard  
Indonisha Nicole Clark  
Stassa Hansen  
Michele L. Schmidt  
Brigid Bulger  
Shyra Jones - Board member  
Dawn Aitken  
Alex Ross  
Dawn Ribnek  
Whitney Best – Board member  
Liz Priest  
Sarah Fitzgerald

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm EST by David F. followed by Serenity Prayer
2. Review of Voting Privileges in GSA bylaws, only ABA members can vote.
3. Review and adopt Agenda. Joan moved to adopt Agenda, seconded by Shahin. All in Favor with Corrections. (MSC)
4. Review and adopt minutes from the March 25, 2017 AGM. Shyra moved to adopt minutes, seconded by Whitney (MSC).
5. Presidents Report – David reviewed his report. (see attached report)  
Shahin asked why there was no Office Managers Report and David replied that he felt all that info would be covered by the President’s Report and the Committee Reports.  
Alex R questioned why Office Manager is being paid for her 3 months leave when ABA is in financial jeopardy.  
David said 3 members of the board met and felt Tera needed the 3 months of leave and it was necessary for it to be a paid leave.  
There was a lot of discussion about tradition and personalities vs. principles.  
The Presidents report was reviewed and adopted.
6. Treasurer’s Report – (see attached reports)  
Patricia reviewed her report.  
The new accountant has saved us money, Deficit has decreased. Revenue has decreased.  
Expenses have decreased.

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Sarah F. moved that we adopt the Financial and Treasurer Report as reviewed. Seconded by Dorothy. (MSC)

The Audit was completed by Joan J. and Dorothy C. (No deficiencies)

7. Appointment of Accountant and Auditor for Fiscal Year ending 31 January 2019.

Joan moved for Dan Cohen of HC Professional Corp. Dorothy seconded. Defer appointment of auditors until elections.

8. GSR Committee Report: see attached report

Amy reviewed GSR Committee Report.

There were some concerns of when GSR meetings are beings held so that all GSRs can attend.

9. Standing Committee Reports:

- a) Literature and Outreach Report: (see attached report)

Joan J reviewed her report.

- b) Retreat and Conference for 2019– (See attached report)

Amy G. reviewed her report.

- c) Virtual Meeting Support Committee – (see attached report)

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- d) Public Information Committee- (See attached report)

- e) GSO and Personnel Committee – ( See attached report)

The report was read by Quinn Klaver for Shyra Jones (head of the committee).

Shyra said she is the only member of this committee and comment was made that this committee is not listed on the website and that perhaps ABA members are not aware of its existence.

10. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members:

Dorothy Cox, Sarah Fitzgerald, Gail Hope, Heather McBurney, and Natalie Nolte

11. Introduction of continuing Board Directors:

Whitney Best, Zoey Chanin, Peter Harris, Shyra Jones and Pat MacKay.

12. Election of Board of Directors for Upcoming Year:

David Fitzgerald, Stassa Hansen, Quinn Klaver, Brielle Paige Rassler, Shahin Shariff, and Alex Ross.

13. Election to Executive Positions:

- a. President

- b. Vice President

- c. Treasurer

- d. Secretary

It was decided to table these elections to the April Board meeting.

14. All new Board Directors present today please pick up your Board Orientation Manual and submit your information to Tera. The members on the phone who were elected today need to email Tera their contact information and she will email them their Manuals.

15. The Next Board Meeting was scheduled for April 16, 2018 8:30 PM, EST.

16. Meeting Adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 6:45 PM, EST.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Whitney Best