

General Service Association of ABA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021

Present:

Directors: Amy G (President), June, Myra, Tammie

Guests: Kristina, Caren, Dawn (Retreat Chair), David F, Alison (PI Committee Chair), Leslie.

Regrets: Kheri, Tara, Judy B

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:02 EDT
2. 1/3 Quorum met
3. Motion to approve agenda. June/Amy MSC
4. Motion to adopt Minutes from July 19, 2021. June/Amy MSC
5. Bylaw review

(26) The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Society and shall be responsible for the deposit of same in whichever financial institution the Board may order. No questions/concerns. See item 6.

6. Board Director nominations and elections. Motion to have David Fitzgerald as Director. Amy/June MSC.

Subcommittee struck to review bylaws to determine proposed updates. It was felt that people on this committee don't have to be a director and that there not be a sobriety requirement. Dawn, Amy and David volunteered. Dawn to organize timing of meetings and take minutes of committee meetings. David to liaise with board.

All committees can use support. The GSO and Personnel Committee could really use support as it is quite an important committee. One that needs support in order to continue is the Inventory Committee.

7. Reports

- President's Report: see report. There is a link for people attending zoom meetings for people to use in the chat box: <https://aba12steps.org/donations/donations/>

- Treasurer's Report: See report.

Good profit in July and showing a profit in August.

- Operations Manager's Report:

See report.

We have 5 books left, not counting the 30 for the PI committee and the 30 to give away for free. However, we now have an order for 30 books from the UK. No one has asked for a free book thus far.

Motion to put the 30 books allotted to give to people for free back into circulation to sell. June/David MSC

Note: Three of the remaining 5 books are going to people from the retreat. So, in actuality we now have 2 books left to sell.

Motion to spend the funds to allow for 5 people to receive a free book through POD as needed. David/June MSC

If we are approached after these 5 books are given away, we can revisit approving more to be made available for free.

Motion to accept officers` reports. David/Myra MSC

8. Standing Committee reports

- GSR Committee: No report.
As per Leslie, there wasn't a strong feeling that the bylaw review be completed at a meeting prior to the AGM.
Mikey and Leslie are stepping down as Chair and Co-Chair. Becca is considering taking over as Chair and Arye is taking over as Co-Chair. Both are in time zones that would make it difficult for them to attend the board meetings as currently scheduled.
GSR Committee is working with the Self Support Committee to plan the Service workshop.
- Self-Support Committee – Caren. See report.
Everyone is encouraged to read survey results, especially board directors. A big thank you to Judy K for her work on compiling the results. Looking at having workshops on Sponsorship and on the Traditions and on the Steps. Also looking at raising awareness of the 7th tradition in all its many aspects.
Myra has a fund-raising idea. She will attend a self-support committee meeting to propose it or Dawn will call her. Myra will also give her new phone number to the office.
- Group Inventory Committee: no report.
- Literature and Outreach Committee: see report.
Meditation book is being worked on. More advertising will be done on the need for submissions. Concepts are being worked on.
Hebrew translation: ABA members would like to translate the new portions of the 2nd Edition. It was decided that more info is required from Lou. E.g. Is the translation of the first edition complete? Who are they having translate it? What is the proposed approval process? If it is not complete, why look at the 2nd edition yet? Amy will ask Lou these questions and get her to put the answers in her next report. Also, re French translation, shouldn't a professional translator be translating the Preamble into French?

Tammie stated that changing us over to Print on Demand would be quick to do. She will put this into operation. The shopping cart will take the buyer to Lulu. Tammie will connect with Lou re pricing etc.

Motion to sell the 1st and 2nd Edition as e-books via Lulu. Tammie/Myra. MSC

We can ask Lulu about the idea of selling a combined bundle. Amy to check with Lou.

It was also decided that we should look at ways to promote both editions of the book. The first edition is the foundation and should be promoted as such.

It was decided that we should further explore the extended distribution via Lulu before looking at jumping through the hoops to sell via Amazon. Amy to let Lou know. The hoops are getting a business number and getting a GST number and doing more paperwork re taxes.

- Retreat and Conference Committee: see report.
Dawn would like to propose having two retreats each year once we go live: one live and one virtual. More info to come in the future. Recordings from the last retreat will be made available in the near future. Starting the retreat earlier worked really well.
- Public Information Committee: see report.
Committee needs help finding treatment centers etc. to whom they can send books. Myra will attend the next PI Committee meeting to offer some suggestions.
- GSO and Personnel Committee: no report
- Website Committee:
Tammie was having computer problems over the summer. Tammie will train Shahin to update the website. Not a lot has changed. This will be discussed further at a Personnel Committee meeting.
Tammie will also show her how to generate reports on Stripe re donations. This info is also on Quickbooks for Shahin to access.
Someone else will have to take care of switching over the cell phone to email activation. This will be discussed at the Personnel Committee.

10. Old Business – none

11. New Business – none

14. Date of Next meeting: It was decided that due to scheduling difficulties for Tammie and for the GSR chairs, that switching to Sunday for meetings would be a good idea.

Motion to change meetings to 2 pm eastern time, 3rd Sunday of the month starting October 2021.
Amy/David MSC

Next meeting Sunday October 17 at 2 PM Eastern/12 PM Mountain.

Motion to adjourn. David

Meeting wrapped up with the ``we`` version of the Serenity Prayer

Minutes taken by Amy