

General Service Association of ABA Annual General Meeting

15 March 2021 6 PM MST/8 PM EST

Zoom 8995-586-5708

Present:

Amy G, President, Director, *	Kheri T-M, Vice President	Cary Guest *
Peter H, Guest*	Shahin, Operations Manager*	Alison E, Committee chair*
Dawn A, Committee Chair, *	Tammie N, Treasurer	Mikey, Committee chair*
Tash A, Guest*	Judy K, Guest*	Leslie H *
Tera, Guest*	June S, Director	Myra, Director*
Tara T, Director	Joan J, Guest*	Jodie S*
Caren, Director *	Judy B, Director*	Dan C Accountant

(Asterisk denotes ABA members)

1. Call to order/prayer – Serenity Prayer, guided by Amy G
2. Attendance (Directors and Visitors)
3. Motion to adopt agenda for today's meeting – MSC (Alison E/Tera B)
4. Review and adopt minutes from March 16, 2020 AGM – MSC (Judy K/Dawn A)
5. Office reports— (highlights of reports were read)
 1. President—Amy G
 2. Secretary—vacant
 3. Treasurer—Tammie N, Dan Cohen
 - Present report and financial statement for fiscal year ending 31 January 2021
 - Discuss and adopt
 - former signatories Jillian Broom
 - Motion to confirm signatories for Scotiabank account as being Kheri Taylor-Milos and June Smith and revoking any former signatories of the bank account for the General Service Association – MSC (Joan J/Tera B)
 - Dan C reviewed financial statements –
 - Motion to accept financial statement as read MSC (Tera B/Shahin)
 - Questions:
 - Judy K – Donations are down 18k? What was the manner of donations for this year? What was the change?

Shahin – big donations last year that didn't come in this year yet.

- Is there any danger that anyone can tamper with QuickBooks?

Dan C – They are password protected and have an audit trail. Very secure, very user friendly, no security issues, but beware who has password (for example when a member leaves)

Tammie N – Logins have a secondary protocol (2-factor authentication)

- Motion to adopt officers' reports MSC (Leslie H/Joan)

6. Appoint Accountant and Auditors for fiscal year ending 31 January 2022.

- Motion to engage with HC Professional Corporation, (Dan Cohen) for the fiscal year ending 31 January 2022 – MSC (Joan/Peter H)
- appoint auditors:
 - best if in same city for meetings
 - must be two members of society (director) excluding treasurer
 - Motion to appoint Kheri Taylor-Milos and June Smith as auditors for fiscal year ending 31 January 2022 – MSC (Joan/Dawn A)

7. Standing Committee reports—

- GSR Committee—Mikey, Chair
 - will continue to encourage meetings and groups to elect a GSR member to attend monthly meeting of GSRs to discuss issues / will elevate to GSA to resolve when necessary.
 - education program in development to help GSR/GSA engagement
 - Questions:
 - Joan – how many GSRs are there now? How many attend meetings?
Mikey – 13/14, there have been problems with meeting time frames.
 - Shahin – What is the education program?
Mikey – terms of reference, going over traditions, will pick one thing every meeting to discuss. GSR will take to groups for their own discussion.
- Literature and Outreach Committee—Lou W, Chair (absent)
 - Amy G highlighted committee report as posted.
- Retreat and Conference Committee—Dawn A, Chair
 - virtual retreat went well, speakers from all over the world were excellent.
 - hoping to have another virtual retreat this year.
 - next meeting April 11, time TBD as hoping to have overseas committee members.
- Public Information Committee—Alison E, Chair
 - Currently working on guidelines for speaking at non-ABA events work with Literature Committee.

- creating document re: guidelines for approaching organizations about participating in events
- engaging with public inquiries – provide dieticians working with ABA members that are not familiar with the ABA approach with some information and overview on how best to support members.
- a presentation was made at a treatment center on zoom, not recorded.
- Alison cordially invites anyone to get word out re Public Information Committee for new membership.
- a new member is coming on board next meeting.
- GSO & Personnel Committee—Kheri T-M, Chair
 - highlighted report as posted.
- Inventory Committee—Tammie and Judy K, Chairs
 - Judy K highlighted report
 - Questions:
 - Shahin – what percentage of fellowship has responded?
Judy – there is no current census of how many people are in fellowship. An email was sent to all face-to-face contacts.
 - Shahin commented on the low number since there are approximately 2 meetings/day.
 - it was discussed that response to the inventory changed since meetings went virtual.
- Self-Support Committee—Caren J, Chair
 - have been working to increase donations for ABA, getting people involved spiritually, financially and emotionally and to tell others about ABA.
 - Have been holding virtual workshops to have people share their talents.
 - plan on keeping workshops as long as people remain interested.
 - raised approximately \$400 for ABA, and workshops remind people to donate.
 - Questions:
 - Judy K – stated that she will forward the summary results from the Inventory Committee to the Self-Support Committee.
 - Future workshops will be focused more on recovery topics e.g., Sponsorship.
 - Caren – thanked Tammie for her help.

REMINDER: all committees accepting members, find something you are interested in.

8. Recognized outgoing Board Directors who have resigned: Julie, Alison, Caren

- Thank you for your hard work and support.

9. Introduced continuing Directors:

Kheri T-M, Tammie N, Myra R. (second year of 1st term)

10. Review GSA Bylaws and voting privileges (item #34 in the Bylaws)
 - AGM once/year; 12 voting persons make a quorum.
 - all ABA members able to vote.
 - all voting must be done in person, not by proxy.

11. Elect incoming or second term Board Directors
 1. Nominations (in advance or from floor, provided nominee is present):
 2. June Smith, Amy G, Judy B, Inna (absent, but does not need to be present as she gave consent to be nominated), Tara T – Motion to elect this slate of names as Directors. MSC (Tera B/Joan C)

12. Elect Executive positions

President – nominations: Amy G – Motion to elect Amy to this position for a 2nd term MSC (Dawn/Caren)

Vice President – Kheri T-M (continuing)

Treasurer – Tammie N (continuing)

Secretary – nominations: Tara – Motion to elect Tara to this position first term. MSC (Shahin / Leslie)

13. Announcements
 - Volunteers for Committees
 - Tara has expressed interest to help any committees.
 - New Directors and everyone in attendance to submit full contact information (name, address, postal code, phone number and email address and status re guest or ABA member) and to receive Board Orientation Manual if applicable. **Please submit to the office at gsooffice@aba12steps.org**
 - Other announcements/comments
 - Judy – expressed concern over the \$18,000 difference from last year -
Shahin – lots of activity last year, personal donations were maxed, we had the retreat, yard sale, and competition.
Amy G – could Mikey focus on donations in his meetings -
 - Tash M – suggest that ABA adopt a responsibility declaration.
Amy G – possibility for literature committee,
 - Tash – suggestion that board member search be more structured and more creative. Amy will add to upcoming agendas.
 - Joan – emphasized that board members can be nominated any time, and that previous board members must be off board for 2 years before re-joining board

Discussion re changing time of board meetings to encourage overseas members to come onto board. We will look at this as interest is shown.

- Shahin – thanks for hard work of board and committees.

14. Confirm date and time of next meeting to be Monday April 19. 2021 /6 PM Mountain / 8 pm Eastern
15. Adjourn
16. Closing Prayer – We version of the Third Step Prayer

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