

General Service Association of ABA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday 10 April 2022

In Attendance:

Amy G, President*
Kheri T-M, Vice President
David F, Treasurer
Christina W, Secretary*
Tammie, Director
Joan J, Director*
Judy B, Director*
June S, Director
Shahin S, Guest*
Tash G, Guest*
Caren J, Guest*
Arye, Guest*
(* asterisk denotes members of ABA)

1. Called to order by Amy G with Me version of Serenity Prayer
2. See above list, confirmed $\frac{2}{3}$ rds Quorum
3. Today's Agenda adopted, Joan J, Christina W MSC
4. Reviewed and adopted February's Minutes, David F, Christina W MSC
5. Bylaw review

#31 The books, accounts, records and financial statements kept and prepared by the Treasurer shall be audited at least once a year by a duly qualified accountant or by two members of the Society, excluding the Treasurer, elected for that purpose at the Annual General Meeting.

Audit was completed and handed on to June S, Shahin states has not yet been passed on to her.

6. Board Director nominations and elections, none this month. Note: We can always use more Directors, however we currently have 10. Also, all Committees need help, especially the Literature Committee and Inventory Committee. The Literature Committee is looking for a secretary. The Inventory Committee has been paused until there are new members.
7. Reports:

Presidents Report, Amy G, see full report posted on website

Treasurer's Report, David F, see full report posted on website

David explained being newly elected he is hoping to be up to speed by next meeting and before then will be conferring with both Dan C and Shahin S.

Operations Manager's Report, Kheri T-M, see full report posted on website

Kheri stressed conversations needed between Treasurer and Operations Manager. Audit is complete except for finalizing paperwork.

Operations Manager's hours were discussed. At one point her paid hours were decreased from 30 hours weekly to 15 hours weekly but the tasks required have remained the same and so she is working on average 22 hours for 15 hours pay weekly.

There are ongoing problems with the laptop, on its last legs and really needs to be replaced asap. Joan J motioned to delegate the selection of a new laptop up to \$800 and bring desired purchase to the Executive Committee to expedite purchase before next Board Meeting.

Christina W seconded, MSC

Kheri wishes to strongly encourage everyone to read the most recent Operations Manager's Report.

8. Standing Committees Reports:

GSR Committee, Arye

There was discussion of required sobriety for GSR positions, an info sheet suggests 6 months, some believe this just is not adequate, but it was countered that this short sobriety is better than not having the positions filled at all. It was suggested that perhaps having those with 6 months or less sobriety "holding space"/attending and participating but not voting on decisions would work.

Arye discussed his frustrations with GSR as it sits, Amy encouraged him to follow his intuition and redress or redirect issues to correct avenues. Arye is still asking for feedback from groups about posting birthdays/anniversaries, there is talk but no decisions. Joan J suggested reviewing AA info about GSR and group interaction.

Self Support Committee, Caren J

There were 3 submissions for naming the ABA newsletter and consensus was "Community Connection". They are having workshops to create entries for the Meditation Book (to be completed this year, only 24 more submissions needed). Terms of Reference to be revised and resubmitted to the Board for approval.

Next workshop, Sponsorship, will be held 5 June 2022.

13 February 2023 will be the date for the online ABA birthday party.

Literature and Outreach Committee, Amy G addressed

There was discussion of a workshop for Board members and Literature Committee to educate about The Concepts. Judy B is willing to facilitate, she will send an email with her available dates and times to do this.

Public Information Committee, Amy G addressed

The committee is still in the process of getting books distributed. Joan J will call some newer locations to see who would like a book. Do we have yellow pamphlets to send out? Amy will check with Shahin.

GSO and Personnel Committee, Kheri T-M

Further discussion regarding Operations Manager and the hours she works led to Joan J to move that Shahin S be paid for 25 hours each week beginning 11 April 2022 and ending May 31 2022, David F seconded MSC

There was concern about the impact of this increase financially but it was deemed necessary. Emphasis was expressed that these hours be fully logged and detailed.

A vote was taken and all agreed with the motion to temporarily increase Shahin's paid hours as motioned.

Website Committee, Tammie

Tammie explained that there has been a reorganization of her company which up to present has been hosting ABA website and she recommends that we move to another company. She suggested either WH Canada at \$13 cdn or Cloud Ways at \$12.50 cdn. Note: previously we were paying \$7 but if we stayed with Tammie's company we would need to pay \$50.

Kheri T-M motioned that we move from Tammie's company to WH Canada, Joan J seconded MSC

Bylaw Committee, David F

David informed that he has asked Joan J to consult on drafting bylaw revisions to be brought to 2023 AGM.

Safety Committee, Kheri T-M

Discussion about wording for guidelines in regard to age eligibility to attend ABA meetings, "this is a non-medical, non-therapeutic, self-help group" was suggested. It was also suggested that the age to attend would be 16 but until 18 would be unable to hold positions or vote on decisions. This was tabled to be brought back to the Board meeting next month with wording revamped.

9. Old Business

Amy G brought attention to Extended Distribution. Lou's recommendation is that we list with Publicious, an Australian company for listing on Amazon and other similar sites. She suggests that we sell only soft cover second edition copies of the ABA book by this method. Listing with Publicious would have an initial cost of approx \$900 and Lou would be willing to make a donation of \$500 toward this. Joan J asked that this be done with a tagline that our website is

the official sale point of the book. Joan J motioned that if we go ahead with this listing we sell the book for \$39.99, seconded by June S

Note: the sale price of \$39.99 would only apply to selling through Publicious.

There was further discussion about costs for listing directly with Amazon rather than through a second party. What would it take to get a registration number which is what Amazon would require of us? Tammie will look into this further. It was decided to table this until next month's Board meeting (motion cancelled for now).

10. New Business, see Old Business

11. The next Board Meeting will be held on Zoom the fourth Sunday of the month instead of the usual third Sunday of the month.

1pm MST/3pm EST Sunday 22 May August 2022

12. Joan J motioned to adjourn meeting

13. Meeting closed with We version of Serenity Prayer