

General Service Association of ABA
Board Meeting
July 17, 2022 at 2:00 pm EDT

PRESENT:

Directors: David F, Amy G, Christina W, June S, Kheri T-M, Tammy N, Joan J. and Shelby S

Guests: Dawn A, Victoria G, Emily N, Alison E. and Judy K.

Regrets: Maria S. and Judy B.

1. Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm EDT by Amy G. with the Serenity Prayer
2. Confirmed 2/3 quorum with 8 out of 10 Directors in attendance
3. Reviewed and adopted July 17, 2022 agenda - no additions or deletions

MOTION

By Kheri T-M and seconded by Tammie N

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4. Reviewed and adopted June 19, 2022 minutes

MOTION

By Tammie N and seconded by David F

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5. **By-Law Review** (Amy G)

(34) The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting on or before March 31 in each year, and at least twenty-one days notice of this shall be given to all A.B.A groups in North America whose existence is known by A.B.A. in Edmonton, Alberta. Twelve persons shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting. At this meeting there shall be elected such Board members as are needed to replace those whose term of office has ended. All A.B.A. members attending the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote on all motions and resolutions arising therein, including the election of Board members. All voting at the Annual General Meeting must be done in person, not by proxy.

6. **Board of Director Nominations/Elections**

Christina W. has resigned as Secretary but will remain on the Board as a Director, therefore we need a new Secretary - no nominations

We can always use more Directors; we currently have 10

All committees need help, especially the Literature Committee who are still looking for someone who has computer skills

7. REPORTS

President's Report - see attached

- 12 Concepts - do we edit
Around this discussion is the question of how we approve literature in general? For example, do we take the time to "edit" the documents in detail during a board meeting or do we limit ourselves to giving general feedback to whomever developed the document in the first place?
- Hours for Operations Manager
- New Secretary
While we look for a replacement, I suggest that we do what we have done previously and have a volunteer minute taker.

The Board agreed that Dawn A. could take the minutes

Treasurer's Report - see attached

- June's donations are down (\$466) compared to May's donations (\$870)
- June's sales are down (\$1,143) compared to May's sales (\$1,490)
- June's labor costs increased (\$2,000) compared to May's labor costs (\$1,800)
- As of the end of June our reserve fund was at \$9,500.00

Operations Manager Report - see attached

- Library and Archives Canada
They would like 2 copies of the 2nd edition of the ABA book to "build our national collection" and to ensure these books are "permanently preserved for future generations". At present, the only hard copies of the 2nd edition of the ABA book have been allocated to the PI Committee. How would the Board like to proceed?

Joan offered to donate 2 books. She will mail these to the Library.
- Procedures Manual
Writing of the manual continues to be slow and time consuming as each section needs to be detailed enough so that someone coming into the position will be able to perform the job without training, if required.
- The stock of bronze medallions for sobriety milestones is low (24 medallions left)
Do we want to order more?
 1. 100 units - \$422 + gst which is \$4.22 per medallion + gst
 2. 250 units - \$560 + gst which is \$2.24 per medallion + gstMedallions, with engraving included from Elite at time of purchase, are currently sold at \$12.00 + shipping and handling fees

MOTION

By Joan J and seconded by David F

"To order 250 medallions at a cost of \$560 plus GST"

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Israel Groups/Translation - Victoria

- They are having trouble financially and through lack of participation
- They have one of their closed their face-to-face meetings.
- They are looking at putting the translation on “hold” and focusing on “carrying the message” through their 1 Zoom meeting

The Board won't send the \$300 to them until a final decision is made as to whether or not they are going to proceed with the translation at this time.

GSR Report - Emily

- New Chair is Emily
- New Vice-Chair is Jenn
- 8 attendees at the last meeting
- Still need a Secretary
- They are working on getting more representation

Self-Support Committee - Judy K

- Sponsorship Workshop
 - Was a huge success
 - 37 members participated
- Met with Victoria and came up with 2 good ideas on how to raise donations for both the translation and the GSA
 - Meal Support Workshop - we were going to split donations 50/50
 - Readings from Around the World - 100% of donations was to go to the translation
- The Committee is meeting on July 21, 2022
 - As it stands, these are going to be put on hold. The committee will discuss how to proceed with the Workshops and the Reading
- ABA 30th Birthday Party
 - February 18, 2023
 - We are working on getting volunteers to assist us
 - We have 1 volunteer so far
- Newsletter
 - Is going strong
 - We are working on getting it out to more and more members
 - We are working on getting more members to put in submissions by sharing their:
 - Story
 - Funniest moment
 - Favorite reading
 - Favorite quote
 - A spiritual experience
 - Birthday celebration or any special milestone

Literature and Outreach Committee - see report

- Main focus has been progressing the ABA Meditation book
 - have 25 final versions of meditations
 - 9 still to be reviewed
- Clarify the process of literature being “approved and distributed”
- Looking for additional Literature Committee members with computer skills
- Committee is looking forward to having the ABA Concepts being made available on the ABA website. These will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Retreat and Conference Committee - Dawn

- Friday September 9-11, 2022
- Cost is \$30.00 but
 - we have had a lot of people requesting scholarships and paying what they can
- Registration and schedule are up on website
- Would like to ask that the Board donate a book
 - to go to the individual with the least/youngest amount of sobriety
 - Dawn agreed to pay for shipping

MOTION

By Tammie N and seconded by Kheri T-M

“Once the Board has the name of the individual who has the least/youngest amount of sobriety we will place an order on demand with Dawn paying for the shipping costs”

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Public Information Committee - see attached report (Alison)

- Working on book distribution
 - Nine of the thirty books have reached their destinations (Vancouver, Vancouver Island and Edmonton)
 - Seven more locations in the Okanagan (BC), Toronto, Calgary and the UK have confirmed they'd like to receive books
- In response to a request from one of the centers in the UK for more information about ABA, committee drafted and revised a letter describing our fellowship and approach
- Next meeting is on Thursday, August 4th at 2pm EDT / 7pm UK time

Website - Tammie

- The website redesign is complete but not 'live' yet
- We have had some ABA members go through the new website and provide feedback; the response has been overwhelmingly positive
- It's a lot more streamlined for meetings
- Committee will be reaching out to the other Committee Chairs on how to make sure the information for each committee is updated

By-Law Committee Committee - David

- Nothing to report as have had scheduling difficulties and have not met since last board meeting
- Next meeting is August 7, 2022

GSO and Personnel Committee - Tammie

- Kheri has stepped down as Committee Chair
- Tammie is temporary Committee Chair
- The Operations Manager's contract is currently month to month
- The Committee is recommending that we look for a new Operations Manager
- The Board would need to give the current Operations Manager a minimum of a month's notice that her contract will not be renewed

MOTION

By June S and seconded by Kheri T-M

“That the current Operations Manager be replaced with a new Operations Manager to start on or after September 26, 2022”

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8. Date of next meeting is September 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm EDT

9. Tammie N motioned to adjourn

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Meeting adjourned by Amy at 4:15 pm EDT with the 'We' version of the Serenity Prayer