

General Service Association of ABA Annual General Meeting

20 March 2022 12pm MST/2pm EST

Zoom 8995-586-5708

Present:

Amy G, President, Director*

Kheri T-M, Vice President, Director

Christina W, Director*

Shelby S*

Maria S*

Joan J*

Leslie H*

Dawn A, Committee Chair*

Arye, GSR*

Shahin S, Operations Manager*

Alison E, Committee Chair*

Judy B, Director*

Tiffany M*

Abbey*

David F, Director

June S, Director

Dan C, Contracted Accountant

(* asterisk denotes member of ABA)

1. Call to Order, Serenity Prayer, guided by Amy G
2. In Attendance: As listed above (Directors and Guests)
3. Motion to adopt Agenda for today's meeting MSC Joan J/Christina W
4. Review and Adopt minutes from 15 March 2021 AGM MSC Dawn A/Shahin S
5. Office Reports (highlights of reports were read)

President, Amy G

Secretary, Vacant

Treasurer, Tammie N, not in attendance, Amy G read highlights of report

Judy B asked for differences in months to be compared for future reports, example: to show the impact of workshops. She may speak with Shahin S, Operations Manager

Accountant, Dan C of HC Professional Corporation

Motion to adopt Dan's report MSC Shahin S/Leslie H

6. Appoint Accountant and Auditors for fiscal year ending 31 January 2023

Motion to continue with HC Professional Corporation as accountants MSC Abbey,
/Judy B

Signatories and Auditors for 2021 were Kheri T-M and June S and they will continue as such for 2022

It was noted that Signatories must live in Edmonton, be Board Directors, and be elected at the AGM

7. Standing Committee Reports

GSR Committee, Ayre, Chair

Ayre read highlights, see separate report

It was asked if is this a Free Standing committee

Joan J replied technically GSR is an intermediary between ABA fellowship and General Service Association, "conference approved" refers to other fellowships such as AA because ABA does not have a conference (a conference is made up of Area Delegates from all over who meet annually)

This led to discussion of how literature is approved.

Joan J said developed literature is taken to the Directors to be reviewed and approved.

This has not been happening and it should be addressed further at the Directors meeting.

Joan J discussed sobriety requirements: GSR 6 months sobriety, GSA 1 year sobriety, Literature Chair 2 years sobriety

Ayre asked how the GSR was able to be dissolved in the past.

Joan J explained there is nothing in the bylaws about this as the bylaws were created in 2003 but ABA did not have GSR until 2008 and suggested we may want to add something on this to the bylaws.

It was agreed that this should be further discussed at the Directors meeting.

Literature and Outreach Committee, Lou W Chair but not present

Amy G read highlights, see separate report

Joan J commented that the ABA Concepts were modeled after Alanon's Concepts with written permission from Alanon prior to printing and care should be taken to avoid plagiarism or ask for further written permissions when making changes noting that this will also apply when writing the ABA meditation book.

Judy B said the quote at the bottom of Alanon Meditation book lists quotes by celebrities and notarities and thought this might mean we would not need written permissions for our meditation book.

Joan J responded that they are cited as coming from those people. If we went ahead and used our 12 Concepts we would put them forth as our own so we would still need Alanon's permission due to having partially borrowed from them.

Retreat and Conference Committee, Dawn A Chair

Dawn read highlights, see separate report

Tiffany M had to leave by this point, but Dawn A stated that Tiffany was ready to take on Chair of this committee. It was agreed that this can happen at the Directors meeting.

It was stressed they are looking for new Retreat Committee members.

At this point having a celebration for ABA's upcoming 30 year anniversary, 18 February 2023, was discussed.

Dawn A said she doesn't think we can have an event by then due to needing to reserve space well in advance.

Further discussion included seeking collaborators and possibly a sub committee for this.

Lets bring any thoughts on this to Dawn A and Tiffany M who can then bring it to the Directors meeting.

Public Information Committee, Alison E Chair

Alison read highlights, see separate report

GSO and Personnel Committee, Kheri T-M Chair, see separate report

Inventory Committee, Judy B Chair, see separate report

Self Support Committee, Judy B Chair, see separate report

Bylaws Committee, David F Chair

David read highlights, see separate report

David F asked about sobriety requirements for Board members and if this needs to be incorporated into the bylaws.

Joan J quoted from Bylaw #1 "an applicant who is also an ABA member must have one year ABA sobriety to become a member"

She also reminded that the Bylaws are a legal document, and as such, any changes must be submitted to the government as a "Special Resolution".

David proposed resolution for Bylaw #6, which states that the Board must have no less than 12 members and no more than 20, be changed to a minimum of 7 "persons" and a maximum of 13 "persons" because we have historically been unable to meet the minimum. He suggested an odd number as this could avoid ties when voting on decisions.

Joan J said that both Bylaw #6 and #7 would need changes to reflect this.

Motion to amend Bylaws #6 and #7 to reset minimum to 3 "persons" excluding the four Executive Positions and maximum 20 "persons" MSC Joan J/Shelby S

A vote was taken by Quorum (12 ABA members) and carried unanimously

8. Recognized resigning members of the Board, Myra K
Thank you, Myra, for your hard work and support.

9. Introduced ongoing Directors,
Amy G, President, second year of 2 year term
Judy B, Director, second year of 2 year term

June S, Director, second year of 2 year term

10. Reviewed GSA Bylaws and Voting Privileges (Bylaw #34)

AGM annually; 12 voting persons make a quorum

All ABA members are eligible to vote

All voting must be done in person, not by proxy

11. Elected Incoming or Second Term Board Directors

Nominations,

Tammie N, Director, and

Kheri T-M Director, slate nomination Shahin S, second Dawn A

David F, nominated by Joan J, second Amy G

Christina W, nominated by Amy G, second Joan J

Joan J, nominated by Dawn A, second Kheri T-M

Maria S, nominated by Amy G, second Tera B

Shelby S, nominated by Amy G, second Christina W

12. Elected Executive Positions

President, Amy G, ongoing

Vice President, Kheri T-M, nominated by Dawn A, second Amy G

Treasurer, David F, nominated by Joan J, second Amy G

Secretary, Christina W, nominated by Dawn A, second Joan J

13. Announcements

Everyone in attendance and new Directors please submit your contact information to the office (first and last names, mailing address including postal code, telephone, email, and denote whether you are an ABA member) gsooffice@aba12steps.org

Shahin S, reminder to please send Board Orientation Manuals to David F, Maria S, Shelby S

All Committees need Volunteers

14. Date and Time of next Board meeting will be Sunday 10 April 2022 11am

15. Motion to adjourn Tera B

16. Closed with Serenity Prayer led by Amy G