

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting (Brief Version): July 14, 2013

It was determined that a quorum of Board members was present and the meeting was called to order at 12 Noon PDT.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda this month consisted of the Minutes and the Financial Report.

Two errors in the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes were found and the Secretary agreed to correct them. It was therefore moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Results of the Board of Directors Election

Given that the Secretary certified the election, a motion to accept the certification was made. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Accordingly, the new Board Members were seated and welcomed.

Election of Board Officers

Nominations were made and seconded for the Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Chairman positions. It was moved that the present Officers remain in their positions. The motions were seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made to create the Office of Deputy Executive Director was made, the duties of which shall be the same as the Executive Director, and who will answer directly to the ED. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made to fill this position. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously, and the position was filled.

This concluded the election of Officers.

Report from the Strategic Planning Committee

The "Year of Planning" documents were reviewed and their content was consolidated into three major categories in order to create an overview document that was as simple as possible:

- Sobriety Services
- Governance and Administration
- Marketing Outreach

It was recommended that the existing committee structure remain in place for the time being, rather than being reformulated. The operational details need to be reviewed and decisions need to be made to decide what's most important. Volunteers should be recruited as needed.

Chat Room Discussion

It was commented that the chat room has been down most of the time for the last four days. Back-up capability was implemented on July 14. The problem is believed to be with the server in China. A different chat capability using a U.S. based service might be desirable. The possibility of a trial run with both in parallel was discussed.

Volunteers

The LifeRing Provider Page was used as an example for this discussion: This page requires high maintenance and attention, and it's not likely that a Board member would be able to take this on. This is an example of an area in which a volunteer's help would be very valuable.

The member survey is almost ready to be sent out, and perhaps we could ask more direct questions about volunteering. Since there would be no formal sobriety time required, this would be a good way to engage persons early. The Annual Meeting is another example where volunteers would be very helpful.

Annual Meeting

Joe commented that we should be considering a location. Sacramento and Sonoma County were both discussed as possibilities.

Absentee Voting

The results were summarized and it was commented that the voting process went very well. A full commentary can be found in the LifeRing Summer 2013 Newsletter:

<http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/21297257/116211730/name/LifeRing%20Newsletter%20Summer%202013%2Epdf>

Adjournment: Craig

There being no other business at this time, Craig moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 1:30 pm PDT.

Submitted by Tim Reith

Board Secretary

July 22, 2013