

## **Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: May 10, 2015**

It was determined that a quorum of board members was present, and the meeting was called to order by Board Chair Njon Weinroth at Noon PDT. The board members present were: Dan Carrigan, Mahala Kephart, Byron Kerr, Emily Marcus, Joe Mott, Tim Reith, Craig Whalley, and Carola Ziermann.

### **Consent Agenda**

It consisted of the April 2015 Minutes and the Treasurer's Report. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept both as submitted.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Revenue**

Robert is continuing to address the sale of the <unhooked.com> domain. There was no other input.

#### **Member Support**

The convenor survey results were delayed but will likely be finished during the week of May 10. A San Francisco area convenors meeting will be held on the weekend of May 16.

This committee is seeking a new chairman.

#### **Governance Advisory Panel**

There was no input.

#### **LifeRing Press and External Outreach**

There is work to do on the remaining brochures. Design issues were discussed for both contrast and commonality. Any current materials already available will be retained until the completion of all new brochures. A concerted effort to get more submissions for Kathleen's *Stories of Secular Recovery* is being made. She will attend the Annual Meeting and further discussion can occur there.

#### **Administration**

Rewording of the Opening Statement will be addressed soon.

None of the LifeRing online chat meetings are allowed for Orange County clients as of May 15. There are ongoing discussions with Orange County authorities about this situation.

## **Annual Conference Update**

Mahala reported that all speakers are firmed up. *The Business of Recovery* film was discussed. It is provocative, and may be problematic. Its showing is not yet determined. The question of whether LifeRing should present it was discussed and whether another location might be more appropriate. Venues and catering are set. Items from Café Press will be placed for sale. The 4 PM start time on Friday was discussed. There will be some late arrivals, so that time may be pushed back. There was no decision. Mahala will host a Friday evening dinner for speakers, the board, and SLC convenors.

## **Registrar Report**

Registration is greater than 50% for eligible delegates and is the highest yet seen. The same software for vote tabulation as last year will be used. Njon commented that the in-house spreadsheet backup is not needed.

There was a discussion about proposals: They must be submitted in writing, and may be subsequently edited and ratified at the physical Congress. This process will define what appears on the ballot. The submitter need not be present at the physical Congress. For clarity and awareness, this process should be published on the website. The deadline for *absentia* submission has passed (30 days). However, proposals can still be submitted in person at the Congress. This is made clear in the Bylaws, the relevant sections of which should be posted on the website election pages. At this time there are five proposals. Assigning names to the proposals was discussed. Since proposals must be presented and reviewed *exactly as submitted*, names will appear this year, but not in the future. Names will be edited out at Congress before inclusion in the absentee ballots.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Items from the Board**

Byron reported that there are two new meetings in the Greater San Francisco area. Another new one is possible in Mountain View. It was agreed to publish the names of those receiving awards this year in a subsequent newsletter.

## **Adjournment**

Given that there was no other business, Njon moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM PDT.

*Submitted by Tim Reith*

*LifeRing Board Secretary*

*May 22, 2015*