

Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: June 14, 2015

It was determined that a quorum of board members was not present, but the meeting was called to order by Board Chair Njon Weinroth at Noon PDT. (Absent any voting, a quorum is not required.) The other board members present were: Byron Kerr, Tim Reith, and Craig Whalley. Executive Director Robert Stump was also present.

(Secretary's note: Emily Marcus joined the meeting later, allowing a quorum to be attained.)

Consent Agenda

With new and agreed-to revisions of the May Minutes, it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept them. A motion was also moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Comments from Members of the Public

There were none.

Committee Reports

Member Support

Robert commented that Craig sent out a list of new meetings. This information appears on the website under "Regional Representatives."

Craig announced that Lisa Swing-Corney agreed to assume the Chair position of the Regional Representative Group, replacing him.

Governance Advisory Panel

Tim mentioned that the status of the Portman-Whitehouse Congressional Bill, brought to the board's attention a few months ago to provide additional funding for substance abuse, remains as pending legislation.

He also said that we should start discussing the location of the 2016 Annual Meeting. Byron commented that his contacts in the San Diego area would be quite willing to host the meeting there. The location should be firmed up within the next one or two months. Tim agreed to call a short meeting before the July BOD meeting to address this.

There was no other input.

LifeRing Press and External Outreach

Emily reported that work on the brochures is continuing.

Submissions are low for Kathleen's "Stories of Secular Recovery" book. The deadline for completion has been extended.

Administration

Njon will schedule a meeting to address a revised Opening Statement.

Registrar Update

Byron reported that about 50% of the delegates have voted. The closed LLNL meeting delegate ballot was discussed and it was proposed that this vote would be counted. There was no motion to nullify that proposal.

Board Chair for 2015-2016

A succession plan was discussed both on- and off-line. Njon solicited additional perspective. Byron commented that the new board should vote on the board chair position, but it will not be seated until July due to absentee voting. However, the bylaws state clearly that the new board shall be seated at the BOD meeting immediately following the Congress (that is, the present meeting.) There should be clarification of this matter in the bylaws. Craig moved that this discussion be tabled until the July BOD meeting when the new board will be seated. Njon commented that this postponement was in violation of the Bylaws. The motion was seconded and carried with one "nay" vote.

Other Items from the BOD

Robert reported that we received a large donation from the Alcohol Research Group (ARG).

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 12:50 PM PDT.

Submitted by Tim Reith

LifeRing Board Secretary

June 22, 2015