

Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: August 9, 2015

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

Consent Agenda

It consisted of the July 2015 Minutes. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept it, pending a correction requested by Byron.

In the absence of the Treasurer, this report was not given.

Public Comments

Rob Mullally joined the meeting and made comments regarding the San Diego Annual Meeting. He is Byron's principal contact there.

Committees

Robert requested a list of committees and their members. Byron said that the existing committees are still in place, but the ad hoc committees need redefinition. This effort was tabled.

Member Support

Robert reported that Lisa, the new Regional Representative Chair, is consolidating input from the Regional Representatives. Quarterly reports are targeting for each. Response to date is poor.

Governance Advisory Panel

Long- and short-term plans covering finances, work items, and growth were suggested.

LifeRing Press and External Outreach

Mahala reported on brochure status. Deadlines were set. A volunteer stepped forward who will focus on website design.

The deadline for "Stories of Secular Recovery" was extended until Labor Day weekend. The publication date will be firmed up when the number of submissions is finalized. Kathleen will head this up.

Administration

Njon reported that efforts to define the new Opening Statement continue. Meetings will migrate from phone to email. A preliminary draft was written, and the goal for a final draft is targeted for September.

Ad Hoc Annual Meeting Committee

Preliminary discussions with possible speakers began, and their expenses are being negotiated. Formal bids from the speakers might be a starting point. Fundraising appeals could be targeted to cover these. It was noted that contributions from high-profile speakers would provide an investment for national growth and awareness.

Rob Mullally commented that although conferences in the San Diego area are extremely frequent, no significant impact for the Annual Meeting is anticipated. The Friday and Sunday venues are firm. The Saturday venue is not.

Joe moved to adopt the dates of June 3, 4, and 5, 2016 for the conference. His motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Its location and dates will be published on the website.

Agenda Items

ARG Proposal

Byron reported that the final version of the proposal is ready for approval and submission.

It was moved to approve it as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. It was agreed that Byron is the single contact.

New Business

Amazon Print of Demand

The new print and Kindle editions of "How Was Your Week" are available. Ownership transfer from Marty was discussed. Craig will pursue the status of all Amazon books and their versions.

Committee Deadlines Protocol

A specific form to document deadlines was proposed. A single form for each committee was suggested. The form needs definition, and many options exist. Njon will address this with a target of September.

Special Meeting

Some specific issues will be discussed in a board-only conference call. It was proposed to schedule it for Sunday, August 16, at 12 Noon PDT. Byron and Njon will coordinate it and circulate background information beforehand. Joe moved that the meeting be held at the proposed time. His motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

September Board Meeting

It will be held at 1 PM PDT, instead of Noon, but on the usual date.

Adjournment

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

Submitted on August 25, 2015

Tim Reith, Board Secretary