

## **Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: February 12, 2017**

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 other board members present were: Dan Carrigan, Byron Kerr, Emily Marcus, Robert Mullaly, and Craig Whalley. The Executive Director, Robert Stump, was also present. Board Members George Gidora, Harold Marques and Carola Ziermann were not present.

### **Public Comments**

There were none.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously as submitted. It consisted of the January 2017 Minutes, with spelling correction to "Milpitas", and was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the January Minutes as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously as submitted with note that financial situation is quite good and that Board may want to think about how best to loosen spending.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Administrative Committee**

No new updates.

### **Internal Governance Advisory Panel**

No new updates.

### **External (Professional) Advisory Board Committee**

Byron has names of people in treatment industry, non-profit fundraiser(s): will submit list to Board by end of the month.

### **LifeRing Press**

No new updates.

### **External Outreach**

No new updates.

### **Member Support**

Increased activity with inquiries about LifeRing and new meeting in Spokane, WA. Regional Representative system showing slow, steady progress.

### **Revenue Committee**

No new updates except that with healthy amount of money in the bank LR may want to do more focused outreach. Suggestion that with all three LifeRing books now available as print-on-demand may use current supply of *Empowering Your Sober Self* books as promotional device rather than for profit. This would require a more formalized program with proper follow-up.

### **Old Business**

#### **Ad Hoc Committee**

Tentative date for Annual Meeting/Congress set for June 3 & 4, 2017. Njon has sent proposal with outline for daily content; seeking feedback from Board members in order to move forward and begin delegating responsibilities. Venue: may use meeting room at LifeRing office, however, no restaurants in area for attendees; consider Herrick Hospital in Berkeley, which is in area with shops and restaurants. Discussion whether to subsidize travel/accommodations for Regional Representatives in order to continue cultivating Reps as next tier of LifeRing leadership. Decision made to first determine which Reps are planning to attend and if not, why?

Candace Shelby, author of *Addiction: A Philosophical Perspective*, has expressed interest in speaking and this may be included in a “lunch and learn” format.

#### **Prison Outreach**

Elmwood contact is gone; there is new contact but have not connected yet.

#### **Online Chat**

Byron will approach Adobe in order to move forward with Adobe Connect. Hopefully any security issues can be addressed within their platform.

### **New Business**

Choice in Recovery has produced video which includes one representative each from LifeRing, SMART, WFS, among others. AA declined to participate.

Multiple Pathways/Facing Addiction has also requested LifeRing participation. There was a conference call in early February: they have sent us Minutes for review.

CCAR/Multiple Pathways is having their annual conference in FLA. Will explore if they would like LifeRing to speak. Tom Shelley may be potential candidate, since he lives nearby.

## **Public Comments**

There were none.

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

*Submitted by Ewa Conroy  
LifeRing Board Secretary  
March 2, 2017*