LifeRing Secular Recovery

Board Of Directors Minutes

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Call to Order and Identification of Public Attendees

Chair Sue Betts called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM Pacific Standard Time.

Board Members	Present	Absent
Sue Betts	x	
Bobbi Campbell	x	
Monica Foy	x	
Jonathan Magid	x	
Michael Anderson	x	
Lisa Swing-Corney	x	
Ivona Szudelski	x	
Travis Boozer	x	
Anna Bedolla	x	

Non-Board Members Present:

- Ewa Conroy, Secretary
- Robert Stump, Operations Manager
- Taresa
- Diane B.

Approval of Consent Agenda

April 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve April 2026 minutes as presented.
Motion made by Bobbi.
Seconded by Monica and Lisa.

VOTE: Sue confirmed a unanimous vote to approve the April 2026 Minutes as presented.

April 2026 Financial Report

Motion to approve the April 2026 Financial Report as presented.
Motion made by Michael.
Motion seconded by Monica.

VOTE: Sue confirmed a unanimous vote to approve the April 2026 Financial Report as presented.

New Business

Life Ring Investment Policy

Monica presents a draft of the proposed LifeRing Investment Policy.

LifeRing currently has approximately $200,000 in excess cash and would benefit from transferring the monies from a savings account at Chase Savings to a money market account with Schwab. A money market account is safe and will track the Federal Funds rate, which is currently approximately 3.30%.
In addition, once LifeRing has more than $200,000 it may be wise to start investing that excess cash into stocks and bonds; but this is very much in the future.
The proposal for the Investment Policy outlines the plan and the underpinnings of the investment philosophy.

2026 Annual Conference (Congress)(June 6–7)

Bylaw Changes
Clarification of Delegate eligibility as well as Board nomination practices in order to be more specific in LifeRing's bylaws and is in the process of being reviewed by the Bylaws Review Committee, which consists of Lisa and Travis.
The proposal will be presented during the Delegates assembly so that delegates may ask questions and be involved in the process.

Ongoing Business

Committee & Policy Updates

Emergency Meeting Policy
The proposed Emergency Meeting Policy has been discussed thoroughly at previous Board meetings. The current proposal may need to be pared down in order to simplify the process and make the proposal more streamlined. Further discussion and vote will be tabled until the June BOD meeting.

Acknowledgments

The Chair recognized members for their exceptional Board engagement and contributions during the past year. The Chair expresses deep gratitude for how involved and responsive the Board members have been with the LifeRing community; by actively listening and bringing forward members' concerns and input, which assists in the overall decision making process.

Team Reports

Treasurer / Financial Overview

Monica presented a financial overview.
Key Points:
Slight decline in assets year-to-date. February, March and April operated at a net loss(typical seasonal trend)
Expenses: In April, expenses exceeded income, in part due to a significant amount of conference expenses, resulting in a negative operating loss in April, similar to the one in March and February.
Revenue sources:
Primarily donations - $2370
Meetings - $500
Book sales - $835 (increased in April)
Expenses:
Payroll: Largest portion, consisting of both administrative and program expenses

Development Report

Sue presents the Development Report for Lorraine Hull, Director of Development:
Donor activity has seen a slight dip in Donor Box revenue by $117.
There has also been an increase in new recruiting supporters.
Lorraine met with Katie Giorgitis of the Comeau Foundation, which has been consistently donating in the amount of $20,000 annually. Katie was a member of Life Ring, and feels strongly about the value of LifeRing Secular Recovery, which is grateful for her generosity and the financial support of the Comeau Foundation.

Internal campaigns and Culture of Philanthropy
The FMC was involved in the annual National Volunteer Week, during which150 Virtual Certificates of Appreciation were se

National Volunteer Week.. The board did have their signature line on that. I thought that would be okay with you guys.
But as you can see, if you click on that, what the certificate looks like. We've actually had a lot of really great responses on that. Thank you so much, everybody!

A couple of other cool things. We're looking at the donor-advised funds. This is something that's always on the table, but Lorraine is going to be calling a meeting with the finance team to discuss the cost and integration of some of the… of a new platform that can support DAP, okay, and that's donor-advised funds, and we are getting those in.

And we are seeing some traction on that, so it might be worth us considering a new donation platform that can support that.

Presented by Lorraine Hall.

Key Updates:
Need to increase recurring monthly donations.
Seasonal fundraising dip acknowledged.
Foundation Outreach: continued engagement with Comeau Family Foundation
Grants: Ridgecliff Foundation grant delayed to September
Fundraising Initiatives:

- Summer fundraiser ("Summer Splash") to be redesigned with goal: increase engagement and impact.
- Exploration of Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) tools.

Fundraising, Marketing & Communications (FMC) Committee meeting on a regular basis.

Culture of Philanthropy Discussion
Lorraine presented research:
80% of donations occur because someone asked
Donors remember the person, not the organization
Discussion of the Importance of personal storytelling in fundraising with an emphasis on leveraging individual networks.
Normalizing small donations ($5/month model).

Team Status Reports:

Outreach and Community Engagement
Upcoming Events
Spring Town Hall: Scheduled for April 30, 2026

Finance Committee Charter/ Committee Mission
Approved by BOD

Adjournment of Open Board of Directors Meeting

Lisa made a motion to adjourn the April 12, 2026 open meeting of the Board of Directors.
Sue seconded the motion.

VOTE:: Approved unanimously.

Public Forum (Highlights)

Community members provided input on:

Expanding fundraising outreach tools and guidance
Increasing visibility and accessibility of donation pathways
Leveraging conveners and meetings for communication and engagement
Exploring additional digital and passive fundraising strategies
Operational considerations were noted regarding website limitations and communication tools.

Public Forum concluded with thanks to all participants.

Executive Session:

- **Update from Grievance Committee:** Ongoing
- **Articles of Incorporation:** Ongoing
- **Bylaws Article 4:** Ongoing

Report of Actions Taken Outside of Regular Session:

- **Adoption of Corrective Action Policy:** Resolved, that on April 4, 2026, the Board, by unanimous written consent, adopted the Corrective Action Policy.

- **Issuance of Formal Warning:** Resolved, that on April 4, 2026, the Board, by unanimous written consent, authorized the issuance of a formal warning to a LifeRing meeting Convenor regarding a failure to meet established behavioral expectations.

Approved May 10, 2026