

CCLVI Board Meeting 2/17/2014

Roll Call

The roll was called. Those present were Jim Jirak, Dan Smith, Donna Pomerantz, Lindsey Tilden, Mike Godino, Grady Ebert, Leslie Spooone, Bianca Knight, Allen Casey, Michael Byington, Charlie Glaser, Kathy Farina, Annette Carter, and Mike Keithley. Not present were Richard Rueda, Melody Banks, and Fred Scheigert.

Also present were Ken Stewart, Mike Gravitt, Dr. Bill Takeshita, and Bernice Kandarian.

Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved with the addition of Leslie Spooone to those present. The December minutes were approved as submitted.

Summaries are put in Vision Access. If any member wishes to have the minutes, they may ask for them to be emailed.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance \$132,085

Closing Balance: \$132,899

Revenue and expenses:

Checking \$42,166

- Increase \$1,710 dues, donations, interest, book**
- Decrease \$-40 operations, scholarship...**

Program Fund \$29,028

- Increase of \$-957**

CDs \$61,700

- Increase \$82.62 interest Savings \$5.00
- No change

The above reflects an increase of \$814 for the month.

A CD is coming due in March. If it is rolled over into a 60 month CD it would earn 1.45% interest. A motion was made for the finance committee to meet and discuss action with the CD and make a recommendation to the board. Following discussion about the risks of investments and the need to develop an investment policy, the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made that the finance committee meet with the goal of bringing forth an investment policy with the first meeting being held in March and that the finance committee be a standing agenda item for board calls. Motion passed. A motion was made to roll over the CD in March. Motion passed.

Announcements

Leslie shared that the deadline for the auction is June 20th. She would like to have a gift card donated on behalf of CCLVI. Leslie shared that Special Interest affiliates with a team participating in the Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk can split up to 50% of the proceeds with ACB.

Committee Reports

Book: Dr. Bill

There has been good response to the book. We have recruited nine new members thanks to the book. The committee will receive a roster in March with life members and current members and will contact members to ask whether or not they would like the book in large print or audio.

A second version of the audio book has been received. The committee feels they need a new quote from a professional voice artist that would be easier for people who are hearing impaired to hear. Recommendations for readers or voice over artists should be sent to Dr. Bill at drbillfoundation@gmail.com.

Convention: Charlie

The committee met twice since the last board meeting. Charlie shared the tentative agenda and asked that suggestions be sent via email.

Sat:	Pre-Convention Board Meeting with introduction of constitution and bylaws and convention overview Nominating Committee
Sun a.m.:	Welcome and introductions. Considering a presentation on procrastination. Comes at a fee, looking into co-hosting with another affiliate. Low Vision in the Law: have talked with Bianca about doing a presentation. She is not sure if she will be able to attend convention. Announcements and nominating committee report
Sun p.m.:	First reading of bylaws and resolutions.

Talked with Dr. Bill about an optometrist or ophthalmologist to come talk. CCLVI Mixer

- Mon:** Exhibitor Showcase
Paul Edwards's presentation about relationship between people who are blind and people with low vision
IOS and Android accessibility for people with low vision (one on Mon and one on Tues)
Game Night: Newlywed game with the four immediate past presidents, Match Game with contestants generated from the audience through trivia. We will need prizes
- Tues:** Other part of eye presentation
Other part of IOS/Android presentations,
Two other suggestions: Toastmaster's meeting and international travel
- Wed:** Business Meeting
Going to a show

eCommunications: Annette

Security updates are done on the website as needed. Vision Access is uploaded. Scholarship applications are coming in for Scheigert. Mike has access to the site so he can look at and download the applications and documents. The Genensky application is set up for March 1.

A question was raised about who is manning the Facebook email account. Jim will follow up with Katie.

Membership: Jim

The committee met in January. Kathy stepped down as chair due to health concerns. Jim took over. The certification process needs to be done by March 15. Jim accidentally certified all members. The office was able to undo this. Jim is missing lists from NCCLV and DVCCLV. If the lists are not received by March 1, they will not be certified and will not be able to vote at the CCLVI business meeting.

Annette asked for extra copies of Vision Access.

Publications: Mike Keithley

“To begin, I want to apologize on behalf of the committee for the lateness of Vision Access. There were many delays getting the column format implemented properly, communications concerning articles and dealing with holiday printing. We found that the mailing list that the Membership Committee chair sent to National Printing lacked many entries, and we had to use the fall issue's list. We think that more large print issues were printed than necessary. We are well aware of the difficulties the membership chair was having with the ACB database and are not criticizing the committee.

Despite many suggestions, we haven't found some one to proof Vision Access for formatting issues. So the editor is dealing with this at this time. While it might seem that this job would be easy, implementing the column format properly requires a great deal of patience and knowledge of Microsoft Word beyond that of the average user.”

Dan requested an extra January large print copy. Kathy Casey can send one. Anyone who hasn't received their large print copy should contact Kathy Casey directly.

Scholarship: Mike Gravitt

The committee moved forward with a totally electronic process. The application window closes March 1. Currently five applications have been received. The committee will meet again in early March to divide up applications and begin process of choosing winners.

Three donations have been received for the Genensky award from Enhanced Vision, Humanware, and Optelec. Annette will update and test the website March 1-April 30. May 1 to July 1 is the application window. The Genensky application is also going electronic. Winners will be selected in mid August. optelec

Mike will likely not be in Las Vegas in July. Mike would like to step down as scholarship chair after this year.

New Business

Meeting time Between Chapter Presidents, Membership Committee

A discussion was held of making chapter applications available on the website. There is contact information for each chapter on the website. Bernice will follow up by phone to the chapter presidents who have not responded about meeting availability.

800 Number Update

Jim asked Kathy what kind of calls she had received on the line.

More information desired about how Kathy answers questions.

Board Insurance

It depends on how much liability occurs within an organization. There is responsibility attached to being a board member in terms of running the nonprofit properly. With insurance, representation and other fees incurred would be covered even if claim is groundless.

There are two types of claims: derivative which are on behalf of an organization by a director or employee and director/3rd party are employment suits.

There is little likelihood of success in these types of suits. The organization would be forced to pay fees to defend against action, thus coverage would protect us from that financial responsibility.

Policies vary greatly. Coverage can be added for actions by volunteers if needed.

It was request that Ken Stewart put into writing his knowledge about insurance to share with the board. Bianca will continue research following up with Lane Waters.

Individual board members should check into coverage that is already in place to protect personal assets.

A motion was made to thank Bianca for her research, to speak with Lane Waters, and to pursue further research including costs and bonding to be presented at the May meeting. Motion passed.

Next Board Meeting

Donna requested a report from our BOP representative Richard Rueda at the May board meeting.

Annette urges everyone to participate in the BOP survey this summer in regards to continuing large print issues.

A Doodle poll will be used to schedule the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PST