

CCLVI Board Call 5/19/14

Roll Call

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

Minutes

Several corrections were submitted to the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected. Donna abstained

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance \$131,577

Closing Balance: \$133,109

Revenue and expenses:

Checking \$40,406

- **Increase \$591 dues, donations, interest, book**
- **Decrease \$-166 operations, scholarship...**

Program Fund \$30,758

- **Increase of \$346**

CDs \$61,940

- **Increase \$160.80 interest**

Savings \$5.00

- **No change**

The above reflects an Increase of \$1532 for the month.

Mike is expecting a \$12,500 check for the Scheigert fund. This is about the amount that is paid out every year.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Announcements

**Resource Development Committee – Leslie Spooone
Leslie is donating \$50 cash for the auction on behalf of
CCLVI. The Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk will be Sunday,
July 13 at the Miracle Mile. Affiliates with a team can
earn 50% of the proceeds.**

Committee Reports

Convention – Charlie Glaser

The CCLVI 2014 Convention Program

Living with and Learning About the Future of Low Vision

**Jim Jirak, President
Charles Glaser, Convention Chairman**

Saturday, July 12th. Pre Convention Board Meeting

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Pre Convention Board meeting:

**Credentials Report
Constitution, By-Laws and**

Resolutions

Convention Overview

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Nominating Committee

Sunday, July 13th. Opening Session

**Moderator: Charles Glaser,
Stone
Convention Chairman,
Mountain, GA**

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Welcome and Introductions:

**Jim Jirak, President, CCLVI,
Omaha, NE**

**9:15 AM – 10:30 AM Latest eye research for people
with low vision:**

**Special Guest Speaker Dr.
Bennett McAllister**

**Dr. McAllister is an optometrist
who specializes in low
vision. He is a fellow of the American
Academy of Optometry and a diplomat in low
vision. He is presently the
Chief of primary care at the
Western Health Sciences University in
Clairemont, California.**

**Dr. Bennett McAllister will
discuss the latest
treatments for many eye disorders. This
presentation will include
discussion of the benefits of
vitamin therapy for macular degeneration, stem
cells, gene therapy, and new medical
treatments.**

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM Committee Reports including Nominating Report

11:45 AM – 12:00 Noon Announcements

12:00 Noon – 1:15 PM Lunch on your own

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM What is new in optical technologies for low vision:

**Special Guest Speaker Dr.
Bennett McAllister**

Dr. McAllister will speak about the latest in low vision aids to help people with macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and other causes of low vision. This lecture will include discussion of the importance of using sunglasses and filters, magnifiers, and customized low vision aids.

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM Break

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM Continuation of Committee Reports

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM CCLVI Mixer

Monday, July 14th. Technology Day

**Moderator: Charles Glaser,
Stone Mountain, GA**

1:15 PM – 3:30 PM Business Meeting

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Break

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Post Convention Board Meeting

**Wednesday, July 16th. Low Vision or Totally Blind
“Who is King”?**

**Moderator: Jim Jirak, Omaha,
NE**

**1:15 PM – 2:30 PM Panel discussion on the
relationships between
people with different visual capabilities.**

Miami, FL	Panelists: Paul Edwards,
Burbank, CA	Teddy Joy Remheild,
Francisco, CA	Susan Kitazawa, San
	Ken Stewart, New York, NY

**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Wrap Up:
Jim Jirak, Omaha, NE**

Book – Dr. Bill

- 1. Kathy Casey is contacting all life members and current members to inform them about the book Insights Into Low Vision and to update our roster of members. Over half of the life members have received their free copy of the large print book.**

- 2. The committee unanimously voted to have Learning Ally read and record Insights Into Low Vision for us at no charge within a period of 30-days. Mike Keithley will oversee having the book ready to be recorded on compact discs.**
- 3. Annette Carter is scheduling a meeting with the e-committee in preparation to making the web page have downloadable versions of the book in both large print and audio versions. She is also setting up a Pay Pal account so that people can purchase the downloadable version of the book on the web page.**
- 4. The book will be available to new members of CCLVI and life members for free. Current members may make a donation of \$5 and receive one copy of the book in either large print or audio. Non-members may make a donation of \$20 to receive the book. Shipping fee will apply to those who do not meet requirements to receive free matter for the blind.**
- 5. Book committee would like to present to the Board the following proposal for public libraries, non-profit organizations for the blind and institutions that are not able to make a donation to acquire the book. It was recommended that for these agencies, the book is available for purchase at a cost of \$6.70 (cost of the printing of the book) plus shipping and no sales tax. In this way, we hope we can then distribute the book to libraries across the country.**

Charlie raised a concern about book pricing moving forward and read a proposed policy for pricing structure with the intent of making the treasurer's work easier.

The secretary read the motion that was passed at the 11-5-13 board meeting regarding book pricing structure

A motion was made to reconsider the 11-5-13 motion on pricing structure. Motion failed.

eCommunications – Annette Carter

A meeting will be held to preview the new CCLVI website with the new features and to acquire feedback. It will be in the updated Drupal, have secure online forms, an email form to send messages to board members of info@cclvi.org, ability to accept funds. The committee has not yet received the PayPal account from the treasurer.

A motion was made to reconsider the motion made on 11-5-13 regarding the PayPal account. Motion passed. A new motion was made using the existing savings account under the condition that the activity be limited to PayPal website deposits only and that funds be transferred out no more than once per month. “New account” be changed to “existing account”. Motion passed.

Membership – Jim Jirak

We are certified, 315 individuals. No list was received from NCCLV. Jim will suggest not certifying members who are not verified by chapter presidents to next year’s chair.

Donna met a Life member who is not receiving anything. Donna will give the information to Jim ASAP.

The labels for the printer have been updated twice since certification. There were approximately 6 returns of the spring issue of Vision Access. Prior to the spring issue Kathy was receiving about 15 issues back. Kathy will give the names to Jim so he can follow up.

Publications – Mike Keithley

No update

Scholarship – Mike Gravitt

1. The Scheigert Committee has made the following selections for scholarship winners. All three have indicated they can be in attendance in Las Vegas:

a. Freshman winner - Staci Mannella of Randolph, NJ, attending Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire.

b. Undergraduate winner - Rhett Gutierrez of Colorado, attending the University of Denver.

c. Graduate winner - Antonio Vega of Miami, attending graduate school in Hawaii.

2. The next step is to make travel arrangements for the winners. In past years, we have asked winners to purchase their own airline tickets, and CCLVI reimburses their expense. In the case the winner is unable to do this, Mike Godino pays the airline ticket out of pocket, and CCLVI reimburses him. Do we continue this practice this year as well? I will also work with ACB to make hotel reservations.

Mike Godino would prefer to not purchase the tickets and reimburse himself. Mike Gravitt shared that he knows of a travel agency that could do the reservations for us. Leslie offered to purchase the airfare and be reimbursed.

The Genensky Scholarship application is open.

Old Business

Board Insurance – Bianca

Bianca received two separate policy quotes. One is for directors and officers which would cover internal financial mismanagement and wrongful acts for \$578/year. It is a million dollar policy with a \$2500 deductible. The other policy also covers volunteers (e.g. committee members who are not on the board) it includes employment practices, wrongful acts, financial mismanagement million dollar \$2500 deductible \$1471/year with the option to lock in the rate for 2 years. Broad coverage for the alleged wrong doing by the organization.

Bianca contacted her Farmer's agent and received information. An application must be submitted by an agent. Bianca got a referral for an agency in DC Victor O. Schinnerer with Navigators. Quotes were received on 5-14-14.

A motion was made to purchase the policy that covers board directors, officers, and volunteers for \$1471/year with the rate guaranteed for two years from the Navigator branch of Victor Schinnerer. Motion passed.

Report on Types of Calls Received on the 800 Line and at info@cclvi.org – Kathy Casey

Most of the emails received are spam. Occasionally there are inquiries about membership to which Jim replies.

Kathy occasionally receives calls with questions about the book. She also sometimes receives soliciting calls.

New Business

Implications of DC Nonprofit Code

Donna made a motion that the CCLVI board make a call to Melanie Brunson and ask her to speak to the board on this item. Motion passed

Management of Chapter Treasuries – Ken Stewart

Mike received a check from Ken Stewart for MCCLV with instructions for Mike to keep it on account for them. Mike Godino shared that MCCLV does not have their own accounts. The consensus is that MCCLV should have their own accounts and Ken Stewart as president of MCCLV should acquire a non-profit number for the chapter. There is no standing policy for chapter treasuries.

Potential Changes to “What is CCLVI?” – Annette Carter

Changes need to be written to vote on at convention.

Potential Changes to the constitution – Annette Carter

Drafts need to be made for changes to the constitution to vote on at convention. A Constitution and By-laws committee exists, but there are no current members. Charlie and Annette will work on the changes. Jim will follow up with Michael Byington.

Grady shared that he has spoken with a pharmacist from Rite Aid who will follow up regarding the talking pill bottles and report to Grady. It was requested that Grady put the pharmacist in contact with Laney Finegold.

Adjourn