

CCLVI BOARD MEETING  
MAY 3, 2017

Called to order: 7:35

Present: Leslie Spoone, Kathy Farina, Richard Rueda, Robert Spangler, Charlie Glaser, Sara Conrad, Patti Cox, Sarita Kimble, Zelda Gibhardt.

Committee Chairs: Jim Jirak, Lindsey Tilden, Dr. Bill, Mike Keithley

Absent: \*Linda Allison, ^Angelo Lanier, ^Fred Scheigert.

Guests: Christine

Approval of agenda

Secretary Report: Kathy moved to approved as sent Richard second MC

Treasurer Report:

Committee Reports:

Constitution Committee:

is meeting May 4, 2017 to continue the work on the constitution.

Convention Committee:

Jim will hand out the keys to the CCLVI suite.

Before sharing details of this year's program, I'd like to take a moment and recognize the plenary committee. Sara Conrad of Madison, WI; Zelda Gebhardt of Edgely, ND; Angelo Lanier of North Little Rock, AR; President Leslie Spoone of Orlando, FL; and Richard Rueda of Sacramento, CA have worked tirelessly to ensure the programming is not only diverse, but also entertaining and informative.

Resulting from the positive feedback received from last year's implemented changes, we again have our own suite. As the suite is smaller than last year, our Scholarship Mixer will return to either the President's or Executive Director's suite. Hopefully it can return to our own suite in 2018. We are also bringing back the package price ticket which includes admittance to all ticketed events. We have several events for which we are charging to help defray associated costs. Old favorites like the Low Vision Vender

Showcase return to Sunday afternoon while game night with its cash bar moves to Tuesday evening at 8pm. We are also having a first ever CCLVI Open House in our suite Wednesday afternoon from 2:45 to 7:00. The purpose is to network with and educate people about the organization. I, and the convention committee, will also be featured on the May 16 Lets Talk Low Vision with Dr. Bill. The entire program schedule is as follows:

CCLVI Convention Program  
CCLVI: Come Place Your Bets!  
Leslie Spoone, President  
Orlando FL

Registration: \$20 \$25  
CCLVI Package Price: \$75 \$100

Saturday, July 1 9:00am to 12:00pm – Pre-convention Board Meeting  
This meeting will also include preliminary reading of constitutional amendments and resolutions

3:30pm to 5:30pm CCLVI Mixer \$15 \$20 (if not purchased via CCLVI package)  
While reacquainting with old friends and making new, come meet the 2017 Fred Scheigert scholarship winners.

Sunday, July 2 Programming Session \$6 \$8 (if not purchased via package)  
1:15pm to 2:30pm – What's New in Low Vision  
Medical advances result in the development of new treatments and visual aids for common eye diseases. Come learn about many new advances improving the vision and lives of people with low vision with Dr. Bill Takeshita.

Sunday, July 2 – Programming Session  
2:45pm to 4:00pm – Low Vision Vender Showcase  
Come see what is new as exhibitors demonstrate the latest in low vision technological advances.

Sunday, July 2 Programming Session \$6 \$8 (if not purchased via package)  
7:15pm to 8:30pm – Truth About Vision Loss  
Resulting from your visual impairment, do you struggle with anger, sadness, isolation, depression or many other emotions because of stress?

Come learn about tips and strategies that may improve the quality of your life. CCLVI Suite

Monday, July 3 – Programming Session \$6 \$8 (if not purchased via package)

1:15pm to 2:30pm – All About You

Create a totally positive you from the inside out. Invite yoga and laughter into your life to get healthier, beat stress and improve your mood. Then learn about styles and colors to help you look as great as you feel.

2:45pm to 4:00pm CCLVI's Advocacy Jumpstart \$6 \$8 (if not purchased via package)

Come join us as we hear from individuals who have advocated for themselves. We'll learn about basic advocacy steps including the inclusion of low vision devices in Medicare Coverage and other vital issues of importance.

Tuesday, July 4 – Business Meeting

1:15pm to 5:00pm CCLVI Annual Membership Meeting including elections and adoption of proposed constitutional amendments, bylaws and resolutions.

8:00pm to 11:00pm CCLVI Game Night: \$10 \$15 (if not purchased via package)

After a busy day of information and networking, unwind and have some fun while playing themed Jeopardy and Name That Tune. Perhaps win a prize or two in the process. And a cash bar is also available for your enjoyment.

Wednesday, July 5– Programming Session: \$6 \$8 (if not purchased via package)

1:15pm to 2:30pm Traveling Through the Ages

Insights in traveling the world with vision loss. Learn detailed ways from trip planning, setting up guided tours and navigating vast global transit systems. For all ages, low vision travel will be thoroughly explored.

2:45pm to 7:00pm CCLVI Open House

We invite you to a reception with light refreshments to meet our low vision community and share experiences from the convention. We look forward to saying hello and getting to know you better in a relaxed social setting.

CCLVI Suite

#### Membership Committee:

On behalf of CCLVI, the membership list was sent to ACB via AMMS ... the online database ... March 29. I wish to thank the majority of affiliates for following my self-imposed 11:59pm eastern February 15 deadline for submitting membership lists. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year this was communicated and, with the exception of one affiliate, adhered to. It is my plan to propose an amendment for consideration to the constitution and bylaws committee to have this guideline is a permanent deadline outlined in our governing document. If something is proven to be working, why change the structure? The table below shows everything we need to know. The term records indicate the number of overall persons we have listed in the database. On April 14, CCLVI paid dues in the amount of \$1,295 to ACB. If my math is correct, we should have 11 votes again this summer. For comparative purposes, I am listing the 2016 membership count as well. It is the second entry.

#### Report as of Sunday April 30

Records, 406

Not certified, 119

Members certified, 287

ACB Life Members, 28

CCLVI Life members, 88

Dues paying members, 259

#### Report as of Friday April 1, 2016

Records, 368

Not certified, 88

Members certified, 280

ACB Life Members, 23

CCLVI Life members, 84

Dues paying members, 237

#### Fundraising Committee:

Scholarship Committee: Lindsey Tilden.

The committee worked hard in March and April to select this year's scholarship winners. All 3 winners have been selected and notified and are in the process of submitting verification documents. (\*Note that if winners

do not submit verification documents within 30 days of notification, the alternate becomes the winner of the scholarship\*)

Freshman winner is Sasha Somuah from Milford, Connecticut. She will be attending New York University studying Public Relations and Marketing.

Undergraduate winner is Cassandra Mendez from Dayton, Ohio. She attends Ohio State University studying Computer Science and Engineering with a minor in Math.

Graduate winner is Jimmy Yocom originally from Louisiana. He is attending Mississippi College Studying Civil and Common Law.

The committee met on 5/1/17. It was announced that Allen Casey and Bianca will be co-chairing the committee for the 2017-2018 year. Lindsey will continue on the committee to support. Thank you Allen and Bianca!

The committee discussed arrangements for winners to attend convention.

Since all 3 winners are coming from the eastern part of the country, it would be difficult to have them at convention in time for the ACB scholarship dinner Friday evening if they were to depart Friday. It is the committee's recommendation that the winners arrive Thursday so as to be present for the dinner, which is an important part of convention for the winners. Linda advised that there should be enough extra in the Scheigert accounts to cover the extra day of hotel and food for the three winners.

The committee would like approval for the winners to attend Thursday, June 29 through Wednesday July 5.

The committee will next meet on 6/14/17 to update scholarship related documents for the next year.

Kathy moved to approve the scheigert winners being present from June 29 through July 5. Sara second. MC

Publications Committee:

Vision access went smoothly this round. Leslie thanked Christine for her great work.

Book Committee:

The book committee will meet this coming Monday. The Spanish version has been sent to APH for a bid.

Old Business:

The old 800 number has been transferred to the CCCLV group.

BOP large print: Work continues and a survey may be going out to all ACB members.

New Business:

Adjourned 8:30

Robert Spangler