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Board Meeting November 21st, 2019

Present: Nathaniel Amos, Sue Moreland, Lara Okoloko, Ross Artwohl, Katie Price, Aimee Roos (ex-officio), Brenda Bible (joined late), Denise Malm, Vicki Yang (by phone), Chris Garrido-Philp, Salomé Valencia-Bohné, Julia Kocian, Tovie (Lara's daughter)

Absent: Betsy Strewler, Steve Wilson, Nidhi Berry

Introductions and Welcome to New Board Members:

- What social work program would you start with a million dollars?

Meeting Minutes

- July Board meeting minutes approved as of September 23
- September Board meeting minutes not yet approved (Betsy checking with Nidhi)

Motion for Voting Board Members

- Nathaniel motions that president, past president and president-elect are voting board members. Sue seconded.
- All in favor: 8; Against: None

Discussion:

- This would create 11 voting board members at present: Nathaniel, Sue (to be replaced by Brenda Bible), Lara, Ross, Katie, Denise (to be replaced by Vicki), Chris, Salomé, Julia, Betsy, Nidhi
 - Steve would come on as a 12th voting member in January, when Nathaniel becomes president
- Most of board has not witnessed having past and president elect participate in board meetings due to circumstances
- Bylaws, Article 5 section 1: Past and elect are all acting executive/office members of the board
- Are all officers voting positions? Would this weight the president positions too heavily?
- Having this active participation helps with continuity and knowledge

Proposal to Create New Board Position for Past Treasurer

- Sue motions that a new board position be created for past treasurer. Salomé seconded.
- After discussion, Sue withdraws the motion

Discussion

- It's a 2 person job and there should be a backup and the past person could step into the job if the new person dropped out.
- What's the difference between this and having the new treasurer just act as an assistant and not attend board meetings? It increases the work load but also increases the investment.



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- The past person could still attend the board meeting if needed.
- The expectation that the past treasurer will help with the transition could be added to the description of duties. Hopefully the culture of assisting the next person in the role will be taken up.

Proposal to Create Square Account

- Katie proposes having a Square account. Aimee is willing to work on it.
- Sue pointed out that it's a task burden.
- This will be followed up on outside the board meeting since it doesn't require a motion and will resolve this by the next board meeting.
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Financial State of Affairs

- Clinical Evenings are killin' it!
- Budget doesn't get us through the membership drive which is the time that we normally feel low on cash.
- We haven't made as much in membership as we budgeted for income.
- **Sue will work with Aimee to pull numbers on income and expenses by event.**
- **Sue is going to the Bank to verify the account.**

Sponsorship

- Katie notes we didn't have a sponsor for last night's event. We need a sponsor for the February and March events and the ethics event.
- Finding an appropriate contact is hard as is knowing what board members have already done.
- Verbiage is in Dropbox
- Katie says "Shoot for the moon and we land in the stars."
- We need a master doc to track this.

Legislative

- Julie Hemminger will take over Chair position!
- She cannot attend board meetings at the time they are scheduled so we need to troubleshoot..Could we have a Co-chair? Continue to search for one.
- Could part of the exec meeting be to check in with Julie?
- Proxy already on the board?
- **Consensus: Allow her to use a proxy for board meetings who is already on the board and send a committee member to report if necessary.**



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Agenda/Priorities Discussion

- How do we set our agenda and priorities? Could this be mission driven?
- Need to clarify processes.
- How do we make decisions during session? **For now, leave it to the discretion of the chair and committee and consult with president as needed.**
- **Retreat Topic: Balancing the voice of members/board/chair and lobbyist and working to define our legislative work and working to involve members in testifying in Olympia.**

Salomé's Trip to D.C.

- How to build community? Pennsylvania has 800 members and does a great job of building community and having offerings that fit the members' skills. Also have a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Have delegates to different parts of the state. Will share more!

Board Retreat: Saturday, January 18th, 2020 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., School of Social Work Room 305

Next full board meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2019 7-9pm. Details forthcoming.

**Next Exec meeting (President, Past President / President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer):
virtually, one weekend in December, TBA**

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Strewler