

Evangelical Press Association
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

EPA President Eric Thomsen called the business session to order.

Approval of minutes

The 2018 Business Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2018, were presented for approval.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2018 annual business meeting.
Seconded.
Approved.

Membership Report

Presented by Rick Knoth, Treasurer

For the calendar year 2018, EPA had a total membership of 317, unchanged from 2017.

- 162 Print Publications
- 60 Digital Publications
- 57 Associate members
- 24 Business affiliates
- 14 Honorary

Financial Report

Presented by Rick Knoth, Treasurer

During the fiscal year that ended last June 30, 2018, EPA realized a modest deficit. With revenues of \$207,893 and expenses of \$215,851, our deficit for the year was \$7,958, primarily as a result of a shortfall in convention sponsorships for the Orlando convention.

Net equity assets of \$94,565 at the end of the fiscal year meant that EPA continues to have a strong financial foundation.

For the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, there is a chance of a minor deficit of about \$1,000. He reported EPA has healthy reserves, and a preliminary balanced budget for 2019-2020 has been developed and will be confirmed at the fall board meeting once the current fiscal year results have been finalized.

Election of Officers

Eric Thomsen presented Dan Stelzer, from Answers Magazine, as the nominee for President-elect to replace Carol Pipes who will become the next President as

Eric's term ends. After thanking the nominating committee, consisting of Diane McDougal, Danny Conn, and Dwight Widaman, he opened the floor for additional nominations, and there were none.

Motion by Marquita Smith: To elect Dan Stelzer as President-elect.

Seconded.

Approved.

Director's Report

Executive Director Lamar Keener offered a tribute to two former executive directors who passed away during the prior year, Ron Wilson (1992-2002) and Doug Trouten (2002-2013). He announced that the board had established the Douglas J. Trouten Memorial Scholarship to honor Doug who had a 30-year career with EPA in many roles.

Scholarship Report

Lamar Keener presented the 2019 journalism scholarship winners, chosen from 14 entries. The \$2,000 Jerry Jenkins Scholarship was awarded to Seana Scott, a student at Dallas Theological Seminary. The inaugural Douglas J. Trouten Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, was awarded to Tyler Cleveland from University of North Texas. Additional scholarships in the amount of \$500 each were awarded to John Brown University student Catherine Nolte and Point Loma Nazarene University student Natallie Rocha.

2020 Convention

Lamar Keener announced that the next convention would be held April 15-17, 2020, at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs.

New Business

There was no new business.

Passing of the Gavel

Outgoing president Eric Thomsen passed the gavel to incoming president Carol Pipes.

Motion to adjourn.

Seconded.

Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Glahn, Secretary