

Evangelical Press Association

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS March 19, 2020

A specially-called meeting of the Board of Directors was held via Zoom videoconferencing.

Directors Present:

Carol Pipes, president
Dan Stelzer, president elect
Rick Knoth, treasurer
Sandra Glahn, secretary
Marquita Smith, advisor
Terry White, advisor

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Lamar Keener, executive director

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Carol called the specially called session to order.

New Business

Convention Cancellation

Lamar reported that the hotel for our 2020 conference cancelled our contract due to COVID-19. The board discussed whether to hold the conference in September (9–11) or cancel outright. Motion by Sandi Glahn: To cancel the 2020 convention without rescheduling. Seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Rick Knoth: To provide three options for registration fees already paid — refund, EPA contribution, or defer registration for 2021 convention. Seconded. Motion carried.

A consensus was reached to provide a series of webinars of select presentations with free registration for EPA members and a small fee for non-members.

Awards Presentation

It was decided to schedule a live stream awards ceremony from Nashville via a Facebook Live Watch Party in mid-April.

Bylaws

The proposed bylaw changes will have to wait for the membership meeting in 2021.

Board Elections

The board determined that the election of officers scheduled for the now-canceled annual business meeting could not be held and the Danny Conn and Warren Maye nominations would be resubmitted in 2021. The board invited Rick Knoth and Marquita Smith to retain their seats on the board one additional year until the election. Marquita indicated she would be ineligible due to a job change.

Motion: To retain Rick Knoth as treasurer for one year and to leave one advisor seat vacant. Seconded.

Motion carried.

Rick Knoth abstained from the vote.

Next Board Meeting

The board agreed to meet by Zoom for its regularly scheduled Spring board meeting on April 14, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Glahn, Secretary

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