

Evangelical Press Association

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 9, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Answers in Genesis, Hebron, KY.

Directors Present:

Dan Stelzer, President
Sandra Glahn, President-elect
Leah Pickard, Secretary
Danny Conn, Treasurer
Warren Maye, Advisor
Terry White, Advisor

Also present

Lamar Keener, Executive Director

Call to Order

Dan Steltzer called the meeting to order. A quorum of directors was present. A devotion and time of prayer followed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Terry White: To approve the minutes as distributed from the April 2, 2021 board meeting.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Director's Report

Lamar Keener presented a detailed report to the board.

Old Business

Motion by Sandra Glahn: Move to change the bylaw language in Article II, Section 1 to "In the event that an in-person meeting does not occur, the board of directors shall call for a virtual meeting via an online platform. In the case of a virtual meeting, voting for board positions, bylaw changes, or any other matter requiring a vote of the members may be administered through a secure and anonymous online voting platform."

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Motion by Danny Conn: Move to change language in Article II, Section 5 to “At the annual meeting of the members, an attendance of one-tenth (1/10) of all voting members as specified in Section 1 of Article I shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.”

Seconded.

Motion carried.

EPA Web Seminar

Report by Lamar Keener on the EPA Summer Webinar series.

Best in Class

Lamar Keener gave a 2021 Best in Class Contest Report summary on entries and contest income/expenses.

Digital Media Con

Lamar gave a preliminary report on the upcoming Digital Media Con including speakers and registration numbers.

Cause of the Year

EPA Board discussed and chose Fostering/Adoption for the cause of the year for 2023.

2021—EPA Virtual Convention

Recap of the convention engagement and finances.

Upcoming EPA Conventions

Summary of the speaker lineup and possible locations for future conventions.

EPA Membership Report

Summary on status membership types (new, renewed, and attrition) and totals year-to-date.

Financial Review

The board reviewed various financial reports, including a management letter from the EPA’s accountant confirming EPA’s financial reporting on Form 990, reimbursements, and the general record keeping.

The PPP Loan Report, the Profit and Loss comparison reports, expense and income reports and balance sheets were also reviewed.

The 990-EZ Form was reviewed by the Board for approval.

Motion by Leah Pickard to approve the 990-EZ form.
Seconded.
Motion carried.

The board reviewed the proposed budget for 2021-2022.

NRB Report

Lamar reported on his connections during his travel to NRB convention.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2 pm (ET).

General Session Called Back to Order

Dan Steltzer called the general meeting back to order at 2:20 pm (ET).

Budget Approval

Danny Conn moved to approve the 2022 budget as allocated, with a new allocation of \$1,000 from the budget for personal life insurance benefits for the Director of the EPA.
Seconded.
Motion passed.

By-law Language Change

Sandra Glahn moved to amend the bylaws for honorary members to the language in Article 1, Section 1.C. reflect revised wording as follows: "Honorary membership status may be accorded to individuals who have rendered distinguished service in the field of religious journalism while being actively involved in the EPA."
Seconded.
Motion passed.

Honorary Membership

The board discussed granting honorary membership to all former EPA presidents. The consensus was to continue to evaluate honorary memberships on a case-by-case basis.

Discussion of MTI Crisis Publishing Initiative

Lamar Keener discussed the Crisis in Publishing Initiative Conference hosted by Magazine Training International (MTI) on June 26-29, 2022 in Chicago, IL.

Request to Join Legal Case from Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)

Discussion on a request to join on a brief that supports a case to the US Supreme Court from the Alliance Defending Freedom. The Board made no determination to act on this request.

New Business

Next Board Meeting Date

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2022, in Colorado Springs, CO.

Meeting Adjourned

Sandra Glahn motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 pm (ET)

Second.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leah Pickard, EPA Secretary

Approved April 9, 2022