

## **Evangelical Press Association**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 29, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held via Zoom video.

#### **Directors Present:**

Sandra Glahn, President  
Dwight Widaman, President-elect  
Leah Pickard, Secretary  
Danny Conn, Treasurer  
Warren Maye, Advisor  
Ann-Margret Hovsepian, Advisor

#### **Also present**

Lamar Keener, Executive Director

#### **Call to Order**

Sandra Glahn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. ET. A quorum of directors was present. A time of prayer followed.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Dwight Widaman to approve the minutes as distributed from the April 11, 2023, board meeting.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

#### **Director's Report**

Lamar Keener presented a detailed report to the board.

#### **Tyndale Grant**

The Executive Director announced that Tyndale had just approved another \$6,000 grant to bring international journalists to the EPA convention.

#### **Best in Class**

The board reviewed a report on the 2023 Best in Class contest.

### **75-for-75 Campaign**

The Executive Director reported a total of \$9,175 raised through the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign.

### **DigitalMediaCon**

The board got a brief preview of the upcoming DigitalmediaCon 4.0.

### **Old Business**

#### **Membership Auto-Renew**

The Executive Director recommended refraining from auto-renewal for EPA members.

#### **Legacy Council**

Motion by Ann-Margret to reappoint Diane McDougall to the Legacy Council for a 3-year term.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Report by the Executive Director on potential candidates.

Motion by Warren Maye to grant Lifetime Achievement Awards to Dean Merrill and Bob Terry.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

#### **2025 Cause of the Year**

Motion by Danny Conn to name the 2025 Cause of the Year as "Technology and Faith."

Seconded.

Motion carried.

#### **List of Potential EPA Contest Judges**

The Executive Director reviewed the list of potential content judges with the board.

#### **Contest Awards for Associate Members**

The board discussed concerns from associate members on the limited opportunities for them to enter the contest.

Motion by Ann-Margret for a 1-year trial in 2024 to allow associate members to participate in any category of the Higher Goals contest.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

### **EPA Convention Review**

The Executive Director presented a recap of the convention surveys and attendance statistics.

### **2024 Convention**

The Executive Director gave a convention preview, adding a devotional meet-up to the program, and possible breakout topics and speakers for the EPA Conference in Lexington, KY.

### **Convention Registration Fee**

The board approved a minor increase in convention registration rates.

### **2025 Convention Preview**

The Executive Director discussed the location of the 2025 convention.

### **Board Elections 2024**

The board discussed creating a nominating committee to fill two upcoming EPA board openings in 2024.

### **Membership Report**

The board reviewed various membership reports.

### **Financial Review**

The board reviewed various financial reports and documents, including an accountant review, EPA investments, and a multi-year income review.

Motion by Warren Maye to create a policy that requires securities donated to the EPA brokerage account to be liquidated within 14 days of receiving the donation.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Glahn to approve the 990-Form.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

The board reviewed the proposed budget for 2023-2024.

Meeting Adjourned to an Executive Session.

### **Executive Session**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:26 pm (ET). Lamar was invited to attend the first portion of the executive session and then dismissed.

### **General Session Called Back to Order**

Sandra Glahn called the general meeting back to order at 3:00 pm (ET).

### **Budget Approval**

Dwight Widaman moved to approve the 2023 budget as allocated, with an amendment to open a separate bank account/CD for the Retirement Fund and to allow the interest on the account to accrue and be added to the principal as part of the Retirement Fund. Additionally, immediately accrue \$50 to the account for interest retroactive to Jan. 1, 2022.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Name Change and Rebrand**

The board discussed researching a brand refresh and organizational renaming.

#### **Next Board Meeting Date**

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, in Lexington, KY.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Sandra Glahn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:57pm (ET)

Second.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leah Pickard, EPA Secretary