

Evangelical Press Association
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 4, 2024

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

Directors Present:

Sandra Glahn
Dwight Widaman
Mark Dreistadt
Ann-Margret Hovsepian
Kristy Glaspie
Warren Maye (joined at 11:19 a.m. ET)

Also Present Were:

Lamar Keener, Executive Director

Call to Order

Sandra Glahn called the meeting to order at 11:09 ET

Approval of minutes

Motion by Dwight Widaman to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting April 20, 2024.

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 2024 Best in Class contest.

DigitalMediaCon

The board reviewed a report from DigitalMediaCon 5.0.

Student Membership

Motion by Sandra Glahn to rescind the Spring 2024 motion to create a student membership category.

Seconded

Motion carried.

Legacy Council

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

Seconded.

Motion carried.

2026 Cause of the Year

Motion made by Sandra Glahn to have Spiritual Engagement as the 2026 Cause of the Year.

Seconded

Motion carried.

List of Potential EPA Contest Judges

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

2024 EPA Convention Review

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

2025 EPA Convention Preview

The Executive Director presented some of the details already in place for the 2025 convention at the Branson (MO) Hilton and Convention Center. The board discussed some potential speakers.

2026 EPA Convention Preview

The Executive Director announced that the Franklin Marriott at Cool Springs was contracted for the 2026 convention.

Board Elections 2025

President Sandra Glahn discussed creating a nominating committee to fill three upcoming EPA board openings in 2024 (president-elect, secretary, adviser).

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 Mark Dreistadt to approve the IRS 990 Form.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

New Business

Code of Ethics Update

The board reviewed and discussed the proposed Code of Ethics revision as submitted by an appointed ad hoc committee of Tim Morgan, Jon Hirst, Warren Smith and Ann Byle.

Motion by Mark Dreistadt to adopt the Code of Ethics statement per the committee's recommendations and the discussion in the meeting.
Seconded.

Motion carried.

News Release Policy

The board reviewed and discussed a draft of a News Release Acceptance Policy.

Motion by Sandra Glahn to adopt the News Release Acceptance Policy.
Seconded.

Motion carried.

Proposal for Resolution

The board discussed crafting a resolution to clarify certain principles to which EPA adheres and to which members are held. Mark Dreistadt offered to craft a resolution statement for the board to review at the spring board meeting.

Executive Session

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 4:17 p.m. ET

5:17 p.m. ET the board reconvened from Executive Session.

Budget Approval

Sandra informed Lamar of board's decision to give him a \$500 Christmas bonus and to adjust the budget.

Motion by Kristy Glaspie to approve the new budget that reflects the \$500 Christmas bonus the board approved.
Seconded.

Motion carried.

Bylaw Change

Motion by Mark Dreistadt to remove the word "membership" from the paragraph on Affiliate, as stated in Article 1, Section 1(d); and to move the paragraph to follow EPA Contributor.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mark Dreistadt to remove use of EPA logo from the benefits of being an Affiliate.

Seconded

Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting Date

The next monthly Board meeting is Saturday, May 3, 2025, in Branson, Missouri. Board should arrive Friday, May 2 for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Kristy Glaspie to adjourn the board meeting.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Glaspie, EPA Secretary