

**Evangelical Press Association
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
The Branson Convention Center
Branson, Missouri**

Call to Order

Motion was made by Mark Dreistadt of Infinity Concepts to call the meeting to order.
Seconded.
Motion carried.
Sandra Glahn, presiding, called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. Central time.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ann Byle, freelancer: to accept the minutes of the 2024 business meeting.
Seconded.
Motion carried.

New Business

Election of EPA Board Members

Sandra Glahn thanked Ann-Margret Hovsepan for her service as she leaves the board and thanked Warren for his service as he moves on from treasurer to president-elect. She thanked Dwight Widaman for his service as president-elect.

Sandra Glahn introduced four candidates for the board:

- Warren Maye of SAconnects for president-elect
- Kristy Glaspie of World Vision for secretary
- Andy Olsen of Christianity Today for treasurer
- Seana Scott, freelance writer, for adviser

Sandra Glahn asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. No other nominations came from the floor.

Motion by Eric Thomsen of One magazine: to end nominations from the floor and vote for candidates as presented.
Seconded.
Motion carried.

Sandra Glahn welcomed them to the board.

Bylaw change:

The board put forward a proposed change to the EPA bylaws to remove the words “membership” and “members” from Article 1, Section 1, Paragraph (d) as it relates to Affiliates.

Motion by Carla Foote, freelancer: to approve the bylaw change as presented.
Seconded.
Motion carried.

Membership Report

Outgoing Treasurer/Incoming President-Elect Warren Maye presented the annual membership report.

For the calendar year 2024, EPA had a total membership of 318, an increase of one from the previous year. That breaks down to:

- 128 Print Publications

- 84 Digital Publications
- 61 Associate members
- 16 Affiliate members
- 20 Honorary members
- 9 Contributing members

Membership continues to trend with fewer print publications and more digital publications. We are also seeing a trend of more publications with both print and digital memberships—a total of 46 this past year. Our membership is stable. Our total membership this past year is equal to the average membership of the past 10 years.

Financial Report

Outgoing Treasurer/Incoming President-Elect Warren Maye presented the annual financial report.

- During the fiscal year that ended last June 30, 2024, EPA had income of \$255,659 and expenses of \$242,267, for a net surplus of \$13,392.
- Our cash assets at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2024, were \$118,845 with net assets of \$109,941.
- For the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, we are projecting a modest surplus, thanks to our 12 convention sponsors.
- Our reserves remain strong, and we expect to maintain our net equity of more than \$100,000 at the end of the fiscal year. EPA continues to be on solid ground financially.
- A preliminary budget for 2025-2026 has been developed. It will be reviewed and approved by the board later this fall after the numbers for this fiscal year are finalized. Some adjustments may be made at that time based on the actual outcome of this year's budget.

Scholarship Report

Incoming President/Outgoing President-Elect Dwight Widaman presented the two annual scholarships:

- Jerry Jenkins Scholarship of \$3,000 to Anna Kezer of Grace College
- Douglas J. Trouten Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to Kendall Beck of Taylor University.

Director's Report

Lamar Keener shared that EPA content is read by more than 20 million people worldwide, and our work comes from The Great Commission, so our work matters.

Lamar presented the Emerging Journalist Awards:

- Audrey Jackson of Christian Chronicle
- Caylie Smith of Alliance Life
- Marissa Sullivan of Lifeway Research
- Schuyler Vander Wilt of Answers in Genesis
- Rachel Streich of Cru Storylines

Lamar announced that EPA Convention 2026 will be held just outside Nashville, Tennessee, in Franklin, May 11-13, 2026.

Adjournment

Motion by Carol Pipes of Lifeway Research: to adjourn the business meeting.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m., Central time.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy Glaspie, Secretary