

Evangelical Press Association

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 13, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held via Zoom

Directors Present:

Dwight Widaman, President

Seana Scott, Adviser

Mark Dreistadt, Adviser

Andy Olsen, Treasurer

Kristy Glaspie, Secretary

Directors Absent:

Warren Maye, President-Elect

Also Present Were:

Lamar Keener, Executive Director

Call to Order

Dwight Widaman called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Central Time. A quorum of directors was present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Fall board meeting were not approved. They will be approved at the Spring board meeting.

Director's Report

Lamar Keener gave a brief update of the 2025 membership report.

- 2025 membership ended down 11% due to attrition.
- 2026 membership is off to a good start.

Financial Report

Lamar Keener gave some brief financial updates:

- We're at \$20,000 in sponsorships so far for 2026 Convention.
- MTI had a lot of year-end giving come in.

Old Business:

Student Membership Category

Motion by Mark to approve the description of the student category as:

(e) Student Membership. Membership may be accorded to students in journalism or communications-related programs while enrolled full-time in undergraduate or graduate studies. Student members are required to endorse the statement of faith and Code of Ethics. Student members are not eligible for board positions and do not hold voting privileges.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

EPA Name Change

The board discussed changing the name of the org. Top three ideas after much discussion:

- Association of Christian Media International
- Global Christian Media Network
- Network of Christian Media International

Motion by Kristy Glaspie change the name of the EPA to the Association of Christian Media International.*

Seconded

Motion carried

New Business

The board discussed how to move forward with name change:

- Discussion about whether to pursue a DBA or legal name change.
 - Board leans toward full name change, potentially with a DBA to bridge the org through the convention.
 - Lamar will reach out to an attorney for consultation.
- Need to have a member Zoom meeting to formally affirm the name-change vote before the convention.
- Lamar to put out three RFPs to hire a firm to lead the rebranding.
- Seana to dream about what the stage could look like at convention.

Next Board Meeting Date

The next Board meetings are scheduled for May 11 at 8 a.m. and May 14 at 8 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mark Dreistadt to adjourn.

Seconded

Motion carried

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Glaspie, EPA Secretary

**This motion to change the name of the EPA to the Association of Christian Media International was rescinded May 11, 2026, at the advice of legal counsel due to potential trademark issues.*