Evangelical Press Association

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 16, 2026
A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the
Via Zoom

Directors Present:
Dwight Widaman, President
Warren Maye, President-Elect
Mark Dreistadt, Adviser
Andy Olsen, Treasurer
Kristy Glaspie, Secretary
Seana Scott, Adviser

Directors Absent:
None

Also Present Were:
Lamar Keener, Executive Director

Call to Order
Dwight Widaman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Central Time. A quorum of directors was present.

Approval of minutes
Motion by Mark Dreistadt to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of June 18, 2026.
Seconded.
Motion carried.

Motion by Warren May to approve the executive session minutes of June 18, 2026.
Seconded.
Motion carried.

Old Business:

EPA Convention 2028
Ridgecrest Conference Center in Asheville would be an economical option with little financial risk.

Other out-of-the-box ideas to explore:
- Lanier Theological Library
- Sandy Cove

Director Search

- 26 inquiries from LinkedIn, but most not suitable. Several other applicants via email.
- Multiple potentially good candidates
- Two proposals for fractional leadership if we're open to that concept

Membership and Finance Report
- Membership on average track.
- Will finish the fiscal year about $40K in the red.

Rebranding
- Looked at the four names Infinity had proposed after extensive research:
    - Christian Communicators Association
    - Christian Communicators Network
    - Christian Communicators International
    - Christian Content Alliance
- Discussed several number names associated with verses and the merits with that

Motion by Warren Maye to rebrand to Christian Communicators Network
Seconded
Motion carried unanimously.

Next steps:
- Set up a Zoom membership meeting to present it to the membership and have electronic voting and notify membership via both email and postcard
- Secure URL for CCN ahead of the vote to ensure we have it.

New Business:

Grant Writing
- Need to explore this more
- Will explore applying for a Lilly Grant

Next Board Meeting Date
The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 20 at 10 a.m. Eastern/9 Central/8 Mountain/7 Pacific via Zoom.

Adjournment
Motion by Mark Dreistadt to adjourn at 10:17 a.m.
Seconded.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. Central time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristy Glaspie, EPA Secretary