



Board Meeting Minutes

Board Call
May 13, 2020

Attendees

- Snowden Becker
- Melissa Dollman
- Dennis Doros
- Andrea Leigh
- Randal Luckow
- Taylor McBride
- John Polito
- Teague Schneider

Absent

- Regina Longo

Also attending

- Laura Rooney

Meeting opened at 10:07am (PDT): DDoros, president, presiding, a quorum was present.

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Motion: **Approve the Minutes from the April Meeting.**
Motion by TSchneider, second by MDollman

Vote: Motion passes unanimously.

Action Item: LRooney will post final Minutes to Basecamp and to the website.

Action Item: TMcBride will post notice to members via AMIA-Member.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program Loan

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AMIA received a SBA Paycheck Protection Loan through Cross-River Bank. While most of the loan will be forgiven (as outlined in the loan program), a small portion of it will likely be returned – without rent/mortgage and utility expenses, AMIA will not be able to spend the funds within the parameters and the time window needed for forgiveness.

Funding from the loan will enable AMIA to keep staff full time through the end of June, at which time the Board will assess revenue projections and potential need for reductions in hours or furloughs.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) CARES Grant Proposal

A grant proposal has been submitted for the NEH Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) program. It focuses on staff retention, bolstering online education, and a potential pivot to online events this year.

ADIFP Pilot

With the COVID crisis, the AMIA Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Pilot (ADIFP) has been reconfigured to respond to the new landscape. Some partner institutions were forced to cancel their internships, others have postponed indefinitely. With that component of the program in limbo, Moriah Ulinskas and the ADIFP Task Force have been working to retool the program in a primarily online environment.

As a result, the number of Fellows has increased to six – three Fellows who will have internships when the institutions reopen, and three “online” Fellows who will be part of the program, but will not have internships. The number of webinars will be increased and mentorship will be expanded.

The Continuing Education Advocacy (CEA) Task Force and the ADIFP Task Force are working together to produce the webinars for the Fellows. The first webinar will be Wednesday, June 3 and will be an orientation to AMIA. The Board is encouraged to attend to meet the Fellows.

Action Item: TSchneiter will schedule a meeting for the Board to meet and go over the Orientation and who will be presenting.

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Emeriti Committee Proposal

The Board discussed the proposal for an Emeriti Committee. ALeigh, JPolito, and DDoros will work to identify potential members of a task force or committee. They will ask RLongo to assist.

AMIA 2020

With the COVID crisis ongoing, the Board discussed contingencies for the 2020 annual conference. The Board agreed to explore the potential of a virtual event in November, with an alternate in-person date in February, 2021 that can be moved to November, 2021 if needed.

Action Item: LRooney will contact the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau about potential November, 2021 Dates.

Action Item: LRooney will draft a survey for the membership regarding AMIA 2021 and potential contingencies for the conference.

Online Community Building

Wellness Wednesday will be on hiatus for now, though we will continue with the Thursday Breaks. The Board discussed ideas for building community and will take the conversation to Basecamp.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14am (PDT)