



Board Meeting Minutes

Board Call

September 30, 2020

Attendees

- Snowden Becker
- Melissa Dollman
- Dennis Doros
- Andrea Leigh [Partial]
- Regina Longo
- Randal Luckow
- Taylor McBride
- John Polito
- Teague Schneiter

Also attending

- Laura Rooney

Meeting opened at 10:09am PDT: DDoros, president, presiding, a quorum was present, ALeigh absent.

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Motion: **Approve the Minutes from the September 23 Meeting.**

Motion by RLongo, second by JPolito

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.

ALeigh joins at 10:17am PDT

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Board and Officers Election

On September 28, the Board was notified that there was a question about the election. All Board candidates – TMcBride, JPolito, and RLuckow were asked to recuse themselves from all discussion and/or voting regarding the question.

The remaining Board members were then notified that for the first time in AMIA history, there was a tie in the Board election. With no mechanism outlined in either the Elections Manual or Bylaws for deciding a tied vote, the Board discussed how best to resolve the tie with a priority of transparency and fairness.

In an email vote (BAM 2020-01), the Board voted to increase the size of the In an executive session prior to this Board meeting, the Board voted to increase the number of AMIA Board members by one to accommodate both candidates who tied during the 2020 Board and Officers election. Also noting that the Board will return to nine members at the end of the two year term, in 2022.

The election question, the discussion, and the decision were reported to the recused Board members during this meeting. An email will be drafted to the membership for review by the Board.

The Board agreed that the Elections Committee be tasked with recommending a mechanism to resolve election results that result in a tie to be included in the Elections Manual.

Action Item: DDoros and LRooney will contact the Elections Committee regarding the drafting of a recommendation.

The Board thanks the Elections Committee and its chair, James Mockoski for their excellent work this year.

Update: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Proposal

The Board will review the final draft of the IMLS proposal prior to submission on October 2nd.

Update: IMLS Community Archiving Workshop (CAW) Grant

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The current IMLS grant, “Community Archiving Workshop - A Regional Training of Trainers” was awarded additional funding for their project from IMLS.

The Board congratulates Moriah Ulinskas and the CAW team on their successful application.

Update: Donation Appeal to Membership

As an organization, most of our revenue comes from our in-person events. While the Board has created an Advancement Task Force, and working to adapt to online events, there will still be a significant deficit this year. To mitigate this, the Board has reduced hours for the office staff. A letter was sent to members that outlined this impact. The letter was sent September 29th. To date, just over \$2,500 has been donated from members.

The Board will continue its outreach to members, partners, sponsors, and vendors.

Update: AMIA 2020

The Board reviewed the schedule for the conference and discussed poster sessions, potential virtual tours, and keynotes for the conference, as well as how best to handle awards presentations.

SBecker left the call at 10:57am PDT

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Update: AMIA 2020 Software Platform

The platform should be identified soon – key components are chat/networking features, vendor/sponsor showcases, multiple concurrent sessions, and the ability to link out from the platform to other services – such as Vimeo, Twitch, or Zoom meetings.

Update: Webinars

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Live captioning has been added to all webinars to aid in accessibility. In addition, the upcoming Disability webinars will offer ASL translation. The collaboration with University of Hawaii will allow us to pilot this in hopes of finding partners and funding to offer this regularly.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am PDT