

VSA Board Teleconference Meeting

August 7, 2018, 7:00 PM ET

Minutes

Present:

Richard Dodson, Rebecca Elliott, Sarah Gray, Nicholas Lampo, Ryan P. McLaughlin, Joyce Miller, Zak Moen, Bruno Price, Sharon Que, Bill Sloan, Fan Tao, Vito Vissicaro, Ted White. Jay VandeKopple (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Christopher Germain, Kate Mohr, Marilyn Wallin

Staff:

Elizabeth Kirkendoll

Call to Order – Fan Tao

Roll Call – Jay VandeKopple: Quorum declared.

Approval of Minutes of 6/5/18 BOD Meeting – Ted White

It was requested that we get Minutes out earlier, to allow review before the meeting.

Resolution to Approve the Minutes of 6/5/18:

1. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Nick
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: 1 (Ryan)
- d. Passed

Management Report – Elizabeth Kirkendoll

(see attached Summary of Membership)

The Report shows current membership at 1048. Rich noted, however, that the corresponding membership 2 years ago was almost identical, though there is a difference in membership income. We should investigate why.

Executive Committee Report – Fan Tao

(see attached notes of Executive Committee meeting of 7/31/2018 and Travel Reimbursement Policy.)

The Travel Reimbursement Policy document draft describes the current practice. As the Board felt it needed time to read it over, discussion was postponed to the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Rich Dodson

(see attached Balance Sheet and Income Statement for June 30, 2018)

Rich noted that we were down in income from dues, though the membership numbers look okay. The British Bow book is off to a great start.

Ted noted on the Publications budget that we plan for one more Scroll, as well as the Composite of Papers, with more than \$5,000 still available. We'd like the Composite Papers available by the November Convention.

Governance Committee – Ted White

(See Governance Committee Report, VSA Volunteer List, and Convention Volunteer List)

The names of Chris Dungey, Julian Cossman Cooke, Chris Ulbricht, and Claire Curtis were presented as potential candidates. We still need to decide how many positions to fill (4 or more), given our skill needs. Let Ted know of others. We deferred a vote to the next meeting.

Ted and Fan encouraged committee chairs to look at the Volunteer List. We can bring them in to join committees, and consider them for eventual Board membership. Elizabeth will coordinate the volunteers.

Programming Committee report - Nick Lampo

Nick noted that things continue to take shape for the November meeting.

Publications Committee Report – Ted White

Ted noted that we plan to publish the VSA papers by November 1st, and recommended that we publish what we have on a regular basis.

Resolution: Publish the VSA Papers annually by November 1

2. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Bill
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstentions: none
- d. Passed

Competition Committee – Ryan McLaughlin

The Quartet judges are in place, and we are now finishing the tone judges. The number of scribes is being increased from 6 to 9. We're looking for ways for additional volunteers to help.

There was some discussion of vendors offering prizes for winners, but it was decided leave the awards as-is. We don't want to detract from the winners at the podium.

Site Committee Report – Marilyn Wallin

(See attached 8/3/18 Site Committee Report)

Elizabeth reported in Marilyn's absence. The 2020 site in Orange County has been secured. We are looking at Nashville for 2019. Sharon noted that since 2020 is more expensive, that we may want to have a less expensive site for the odd year.

Old Business

None

New Business

There has been discussion with Bruce Babbitt about whether we should publish based on the upcoming German Bow exhibit. The British Bow book was valued and profitable. We would need writers and photos. It was noted that there is also the Gruenke book. The cost is expected to be \$10-15K. The Executive Committee was supportive, but there is no formal proposal yet. It was noted that there were 500 copies of the Markneukirchen book printed, but they sold out. It gave us a track record, giving confidence to go forward with the British Bow book. The educational aspect of the book also fits with our mission. A straw poll of the Board showed unanimous support. We look forward to a formal proposal.

Resolution to Adjourn

3. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Sharon
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all, Dissenting: none, Abstaining: none
- d. Passed and Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm ET

Respectfully submitted,
Jay VandeKopple, Asst. Secretary
Ted White, Secretary
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