

Oll Board of Directors Meeting
March 16, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

Jacki called the meeting to order at 11:07

Board members present: Doug Long, David Myler, Mary Phillips, John Burch, Dottie Bellinger, Marirose Lescher, Jose Luis Zarate, Phil Schlak, Jacki Gordon, Lina Nigrete, Peter McCallion, Abe Torres.

Board members absent: David Schallenberger

Visitors: David Brown, Gail Ament, Ralph Gault, Drew Johnson, Heath Synnestvedt, Rich Zlotowitz, Paulette Velie

Approval Agenda

Dottie Bellinger moved to approve the agenda; David Myler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Approval February Minutes

David Myler moved to approve the Feb. minutes; Peter seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

President's Report.

-Jacki is asking for year end reports from all committees which would include anything we could archive for helping committee chairs in the future.

-The board meeting in April will be the fourth Thursday.

Treasurer's Report.

-Marirose was thanked for her work in putting together the report which at first did not include the Feb. report but does now.

-Paulette Velie would like to have numbers earlier.

-The pandemic made it difficult for adjusting the budget.

-Peter moved for board approval to have the budget presented as is at the AGAM. John Burch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Legal and Constitution.

AGAM 2023. John Burch moved to send the revised changes to the constitution to the AGAM to be approved.

Jacki explained that according to a Mexican law, a group such as ours must have a minimum of 20 members with RFCs to constitute a sufficient quorum to conduct association business. Members with RFCs will have "official" votes. However, we intend to have any member present (in person or remotely) vote as before, and then the official voters will be guided by that vote. Our lawyer says we must work this way to be in compliance with Mexican law.

Facilities and Tech update and request. Doug Long asked for 30,000 pesos to help with the streaming project he has been facilitating. After Doug's explanation the board approved 90,000 for:

- the purchase of a desk top computer, a remote camera and a monitor.
- These additions will allow Doug to not use his own equipment.
- The committee has incorporated a free tech service, WIX, which allows us 10 hours of streaming/storage.
- An upgrade for \$5 a month would allow us to archive 50 hours.

Jacki requested that board members think about some policies to support the streaming. For example...

- Are there ways the tech and events committees could work together?
- How do we want to archive streaming?
- Do we want it to be available only to members?
- We need to make sure that presenters are okay with streaming.

To encourage answers to these questions and many more, Doug moved that a short term committee be established to do research and come up with ideas to handle multiple concerns; among them, streaming, advertising and membership. Members of Finance, Book, Tech, Events committees will be asked to serve and present ideas to the May meeting.

Excursions: Hoofing It and Out and About.

- We're in need of volunteers to help.
- Jacki asked board members to come back with possible solutions.

Gratitude party for Larry G

- well in hand
- 50 – 55 people expected
- Cake, fruit salad, fruit drinks
- a microphone will be set up for attendees to thank Larry
- a book available for written comments
- Peter moved to increase the budget for the party by 5,000 pesos

Committee /groups cooperation

- groups are encouraged to work together on things
- things happen that affect more than one committee

Staff security

- Security cameras are not working

New Business

Migrants in Oaxaca

- Drew Johnson who has worked diligently for migrants using Comi announced that Comi has closed permanently.
- he was present at the meeting to ask if the library would again receive clothes and non perishable food to be used in helping the migrants
- David Myler moved to accept non perishable food and clothing at the OLL.
- motion passed unanimously.
- There is serious need to help. There are several new groups and a new caravan on its way from Guatemala.

Use of Space

- a cultural group has asked to use the terrace for a gathering
- much discussion about whether it would be a religious gathering.
- David Myer moved that the Jewish be allowed to use the terrace on April 5th

Adjournment

Peter moved to adjourn the meeting; Dottie seconded; motion passed unanimously