



September 21, 2018 ABOS Board Meeting minutes

Tina called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Central Time

In attendance: Tina Williams, Susan Parkins, Ann Plazek, David Kelsey, Brooke Bahnsen, Lori Berezovsky, Brock Hutchison, Kim McNeil-Capers, Kris Ringwalt, Cathy Zimmerman, Brandon Thompson, Rose Huling and Michael Swendrowski.

Secretary Minutes

The August 17, 2018 Board Minutes have been distributed to all board members and reviewed. A clarification has been made regarding the Treasurer's Report and DUN numbers; that change will be made to the minutes. Cathy moved that we accept the August Minutes. David seconded. Motion carried.

Email Votes

On September 17, 2018 an email vote was conducted to approve giving the bookmobile conference rate to Belardo Gilberto and Thomas Kebo from Virgin Islands Public Library. They had accidentally signed up for the bookmobile rate and it was determined that they have a hardship case. The votes were unanimous in favor.

President's Report

We were recently contacted by ALA for two different reasons:

1. Since the ALA conference will be coming to Washington, DC, they'd like to have a bookmobile parade and want to know if we are interested in taking part in it. The board discussed concerns about bookmobile security, whether this repeats what has been done in Chicago, and whether or not bookmobile drivers could cross state lines in accordance to their type of driver's license.
2. The Library of Congress is interested in getting a bookmobile and would like ABOS to be a voice at the table as they discuss the possibilities. This would put ABOS and BOIR on the map!

2018 ABOS Conference Report

Tina clarified the confusion with hotel rooms. There are rooms available at our hotel, however, they won't enlarge our block of rooms. They should offer the best rate, but that will change day to day, or even hour to hour. The last day to register for the conference is October 5.

Treasurer's Report

David reported that we have had a good month for finances with \$2695.00 coming in. At the end of August our total was \$112,250.00.

BOIR has been registered on Amazon Smile under ABOS, and also has a new webpage host.

Conference lanyards and bags have been ordered from Marco Promotions. Thus far, 231 people have registered for the conference, with one new vendor registration added. Amigos is supplying name badges this year. Winnebago contributed \$2000.00 this month.

Work continues on applying for our DUN number.

The Vendor site was shut down, but is back up now. Tina will call those interested who weren't able to sign up. Some vendors would like a list of attendees and those bringing bookmobiles before the conference. We haven't done this in the past. The board discussed the pros and cons involved and agreed to send the vendors the list of attendees when we have a completed list.

Brock motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Susan seconded. Motion carried.

Committees

Advocacy: Kim reported that the committee has completed work on compiling a list of the top 16 magazines and periodicals that accept submissions.

Awards: Brock reported that the awards submissions are closed. All selections have been made and the winners contacted. The winner of the John Philip award will be announced at the conference. There were many really good candidates this year.

BOIR: Cathy reported that the BOIR database has moved to a permanent server. The Amazon Smile account is up and running. Use GivingAssistant.org to shop at stores you already shop with and to benefit BOIR. The link is on the ABOS website. Amazon Smile can be added to the ABOS website, too. The committee looked at Classy.org, which is a subscription service that is big on peer to peer fundraising. The verdict was that we don't need their services yet. Counting Opinions is also a subscription service, but they are open to discussing options. We may want to look into this down the road.

Bylaws: Ann had no news to report.

Long-range Planning: Susan reported that the Dallas contract has been signed for 2020. The committee will now begin the process for the 2021 site selection. There is discussion on moving the conference dates to November, since pricing is 40-60% lower then. The committee is already promoting the 2019 conference throughout Nebraska.

Marketing: Lori reported that the ABOS newsletter will be called "Out and About". The first issue is in the editing phase and will be handed out at the conference. The fall issue can be printed each year to hand out at conference, with the the other issues available online. Travel mugs, car magnets and badge ribbons have been nailed down and will be ordered shortly. The total for all of it is \$1806.53. David said the budget will allow for this, especially since we'll get money back from sales. Leftover inventory (amounts and location) will be recorded.

Membership: Kris reported that as of September 11, 2018 we have 276 active members and 76 pending members which totals 352. That number is up by about 100 members over the last 3 years. The committee is thinking of creating a map of where members are located; they will use markers instead of pins.

Nominations: Ann reported that the committee plans to send out information earlier than usual about running for office. They also plan to let people know what is expected from a board member. Ann is asking all board members to send her (and the board) "My ABOS Board Story". These can be easily added to the website. In our stories we should include name, library, current position, number of years on the board. Stories are due by October 7.

Technology: Brock reported that there are updated images on the website. Tina boosted a facebook post. A conference countdown counter has been added to the website. Rose is working on the conference booklet. They are also working on promoting the 2019 conference. The committee is coming up with a Google Drive basic training video for future boards.

Other Conferences

Michael attend the ARSL conference in September and said it was a good experience. He recommends budgeting to send someone next year. Michael came home with many vendor contacts who are interested in our conference, as well as many who were interested in ABOS and BOIR.

Tina motioned that we give the president of ARSL an annual ABOS membership. David seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

The focus of the September 24 special meeting will be to discuss a webmaster board position as well as how to transition in new treasurers.

Kim will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico September 27 at the Joint Council of Librarians of Color to receive an Advocacy award.

Tina walked us through the conference timeline via the document "2018 ABOS Conference with Board Notes as of 090318".

Cathy motioned that we adjourn; David seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.