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American Board of Vocational Experts | General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 13th | 12:45 pm PST

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort | Tucson, AZ

Call to Order to General Membership Meeting 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chrisann Schiro-Geist on 12:46 pm PST.

Opening Remarks- Chrisann Schiro-Geist, President

Chrisann welcomed everyone to the conference and thanked them for attending.

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Minutes

The 2018 Annual Meeting minutes were made available to all members in handout form and electronically. Motion to approve made by Ron Hall, second by Rona Wexler. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Status of ABVE- Dan Wolstein, Treasurer

Dan addressed the current financial state of ABVE, he said the financial health of the organization is strong. He encouraged everyone to continue to attend conferences as these are great way to bring in additional revenue.

Awards Presentation

David S. Frank Life Time Achievement Award

Anita Rothland was honored with this award and thanked for her many years of service to the vocational expert community.

Scott E. Streater Educational Award

DT North was honored for his great commitment to furthering the vocational community through educational opportunities.

Presidential Citations

Scott Whitmer, Past President, was awarded for his dedication to ABVE and spearheading the IPEC certification during his Presidential term.

Ali Bagherian (Ethics Chair), Rona Wexler (ABVE Certification Chair), Dan Wolstein (Treasurer), Judy Brookover (CEU Chair), and Estelle Hutchinson (Past President) were also recognized for the countless hours contributed to furthering the goals of the American Board of Vocational Experts.

2019-2022 Election Results- Estelle Hutchinson, Past President

Two new Director-at Large positions were elected: Scott Severt, and David Perry. Dan Wolstein was re-elected for the Treasurer position.

ABVE General Membership Meeting (continued)

ABVE Resource Library- Terry Leslie, President Elect

Terry introduced the new ABVE Resource Library, a benefit exclusive to ABVE Members. All articles published by the American Board of Vocational Experts are now available in the ABVE Resource Library. These articles are sorted by subject matter in the Membership Portal of ABVE.

ABVE Study Abroad Trip- Chrisann Schiro-Geist, President

Chrisann discussed the upcoming ABVE Study Abroad Trip to Ireland. A survey of our members was conducted to choose between Australia and Ireland, the results were overwhelmingly decisive of Ireland of being the next professional study abroad trip. The dates are tentatively scheduled for 5/20-5/27 in 2020, the cost will be approximately \$2,500 per person (plus airfare). This trip will be based out of Dublin, Ireland, and approximately 20 CEU's will be offered.

Open Discussion with ABVE Members

DT North- Test Development

DT gave a brief history of the new ABVE exam. In 2015 the Board of Directors decided the ABVE exam would follow the same requirements that other agencies use to develop content valid examinations. A literature review first started within a committee and later areas of practice were developed in another professional peer group. Task statements to measure the critically and frequency of tasks performed by vocational experts were later developed and sent out to the membership for survey. The Board has since voted to adopt the task statements developed and the test is now active. DT encouraged members to continue to volunteer their time to further the growth and development of the organization.

Closing Announcements

Chrisann thanked everyone for attending the 2019 Annual Conference for the American Board of Vocational Experts. She also briefly introduced the location and dates for upcoming conferences.

Future Conferences

2020 Annual ABVE Conference

Tampa, FL 3/27-3/29/2020

2021 Annual ABVE Conference

San Diego, CA 3/26-3/29/2021

Adjourn meeting

Rona Wexler motioned to adjourn the ABVE Board of Directors, second by Terry Leslie. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm PST.