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AGENDA | ABVE Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2:00pm PT | 3:00 MT | 4:00pm CT | 5:00pm ET
Video Conference via Zoom | <https://zoom.us/j/92741615697>

List of Attendees: Stephanie Munoz, Gabe Cortez, Chrisann Schiro-Geist, Scott Whitmer, Terry Leslie, Sara Statz, Alireza Bagherian, Scott Severt, David Perry, Brian Daly, Dan Wolstein, Ron Smolarski, and Mark Anderson.

Marie Babinetz attended as a guest.

Call to Order to Meeting of Board of Directors 2020-2021

The meeting was called to order by Chrisann Schiro-Geist at 2:05 pm PT.

Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by David Perry, second by Terry Leslie. All were in favor, and none were opposed. Motion passed.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of December 1st, 2020; all were in favor, and none were opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the IPEC Special Meeting Minutes made by Chrisann, second by Scott Whitmer. All were in favor, and none were opposed. Motion passed.

Financials

Stephanie Munoz made the treasurer's Report. Total income is down by about \$36,000 from this time last year. This year's conference registration is moving a bit slower, most likely due to COVID-19. ABVE remains about \$18,000 from our budget; we have a price jump at the end of the month that we hope spurs a spike in income. Membership dues are also down from this time last year by about \$13,000, and we are about \$19,000 from reaching our goal. Our expenses are down about \$12,000 from this time last year, as conference expenses are down, which were expected to remain low. An additional money-saving was realized this year as ABVE has not been exhibiting at conferences.

Sara Statz made the motion to approve and accept 2020-2021 financials. All were in favor, and none were opposed. Motion passed.

Report from Committees

Conference Committee

2021 Conference: Terry Leslie

Terry said we have been quite fortunate that no speakers have dropped off since we have shifted to the virtual platform.

ABVE BOD Meeting (continued)

Membership & Marketing: Scott Severt

Scott Severt has begun updating a list of graduate schools with departments in rehabilitation counseling. He plans to finish updating the list completely and send an invitation to professors to target students. Scott proposed inviting rehabilitation counseling students to attend for free or at a discount for the 2021 annual conference. Terry encouraged Scott to keep in touch with him on his progress as he believed they could make the student discount work with this year's conference.

CEU Committee

Mark Anderson

Certification Committee

Stephanie updated the group there are 4 Fellow Applications in Review & 1 New Fellow approval and 1 IPEC Application in Review & 2 New IPEC approvals. The Peer Review form is still being revamped at this time.

Ethics Committee

Ali Bagherian notes there are no recent ethical complaints. Ali said someone had expressed interest in the committee and was excited about the addition.

Test Development Committees

IPEC Test Development

Brian Daly said their meeting with Scantron was on 2/8/21 and went well. Chrisann suggested we defer our discussion until our next meeting to have a more thorough update with the entire Board.

Publications Committee

David Perry said he has been in contact with a Member who would like to join the Publications Committee.

Journal

Chrisann Schiro-Geist said the journal would be sent to headquarters by 2/10/21. Chrisann said she planned on taking some time at the conference to encourage journal contributions from our Members.

Newsletter

Sara Statz updated the Board on the Newsletter's status and said there was interest from one Member in joining the committee. Sara recommended the three publication committees be merged to focus on the same goal.

Technology

Terry Leslie said there continued to tweak the website and few changes to ensure our visitors' smooth experience. He believed the website was operating well.

Board Development Committee

Ron Smolarski asked that the Newsletter be sent out more frequently to engage Members.

Old Business

[Consideration for new logo](#)

Terry Leslie discussed the new logo and asked that the Board vote on the options. Motion to approve the new logo made by Terry Leslie, second by Sara Statz. All were in favor, and none were opposed. Motion passed.

ABVE BOD Meeting (continued)

Awards

Stephanie Munoz thanked those who voted and announced the winners of this year's Scott E. Streater and David S. Frank awards.

New Business

The Board discussed the [Survey Proposal Leslie Lloyd](#). Chrisann asked that a condition be placed on this proposal that Leslie will write a journal article with the survey results. Motion to approve the survey proposal made by Sara Statz, second by Dan Wolstein. All were in favor, and none were opposed. Motion passed.

Annual Business Meeting

Stephanie Munoz asked if there was anything that needed to be added to the Annual Business Meeting agenda. Items were added to the agenda, such as discussing committees within the organization, the new Board appointees and retiring Board Members, and IPEC test development.

Adjourn meeting

Motion to adjourn the ABVE Board of Directors made by Sara Statz, second by Terry Leslie.

All in favor, the meeting closed at 3:46 pm PT.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 18th 1:00 PT/2:00 MT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET - Zoom