



Association for the Blind
and Visually Impaired SC

MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired SC

PRESENT

Clay Hershey, Pres.	James Hill	George Smythe	Courtney Plotner, ABVI
Bob Baldwin, VEEP	John Kulze	Thomas Smythe	Mark Carmichael, ABVI (phone)
Kristen Gayeski Tinkler, Sec.	Tricia Leyte-Vidal	Joe Waring	Brooks Harken, ABVI
Carol Clement, Treas.	Paula Mullen		

ABSENT

Doug Hazelton
Karl Jantzen
Marshall McClure

PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order at 4pm by Board President, Clay Hershey. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The consensus agenda including the minutes from June 19, 2019, the communications department report, the development department report and the programs and Advancement Committee report was approved.

President's Report

Clay Hershey

Mr. Hershey introduced new Board Member John Kultz, and he also announced new Board Member Marshall McClure was traveling and would be at the next meeting.

Investment Committee Report

Mark Carmichael

Mr. Carmichael gave a brief overview of our investment accounts and the market trends for YTD FYE 2020.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Carmichael

The financials for July 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019 were reviewed, and Mr. Carmichael explained the variances in the Income Statement and Organizational Budget. Motion was made by the Executive & Finance Committee to approve the FYE 2019 990 Form for filing. No second was needed as the motion came from Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Development Committee Report

Tricia Leyte-Vidal

Ms. Leyte-Vidal reported on the successes of Visionary, ABVI's major gifts program. Motion was made by the Development Committee to induct the following three individuals into ABVI's Service Society of the Lifetime Visionary Circle: Dr. Danny Coyle, Jacqueline Lawrence and Cornelia Pelzer. No second was needed as the motion came from Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Leyte-Vidal also announced that Board Member Karl Jantzen would be receiving the organization's first Dorothy Wenberg Donor of the Year Award. The Committee nominated Mr. Jantzen, and the Board voted by email.

CEO's Report

Courtney Plotner

Mrs. Plotner reported on the progress and timeline of ABVI's second location in Ladson which will open late winter/early spring of 2020. She also updated the Board on ABVI's new hire, Samantha McGovern, who is dually certified in orientation and mobility (COMS) and low vision therapy (CLVT). Mrs. Plotner invited Ms. Harken to report on ways the Programs Team is innovatively and methodically increasing revenue to help the organization meet its budgetary goals.

New Business

- A. Motion was made, discussed, seconded and unanimously passed to approve ABVI's new Succession Plan. The plan would take effect in the event Mrs. Plotner is on a leave of absence or is unexpectedly unable to perform her role as CEO. Mrs. Anne Smith Reid, Chief Development Officer, would be the interim CEO in Mrs. Plotner's extended absence.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Plotner, CEO - *Next Meeting: December 10, 2019 - 4pm at ABVI*