**ACBI Board Minutes**

**November 6, 2021**

**Zoom Meeting**

# Welcome and Roll Call

Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kari took roll. Present at the meeting were Kari Goodman, Barbara Salisbury, Rita Kersh, Cindy Brooking, Dolly Sowder, Regina Vonderhaar, Vicky Western, Dee Ann Hart, Gerry Koors, Ted Boardman, Michelle Hahn, Mary Stores, Mel Wobschall and Mike Adams. Guests on the call were Pat Tussing and Don Koors. Not present was Bill Sparks, John Huffman, and Lynn Powers.

# Secretary’s Report

Barbara asked if there were any questions about the minutes from the last meeting. There were none. Dee Ann made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary seconded. Barbara asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

# Treasurer’s Report

Barbara asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the treasurer’s report. Barbara asked if there were any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the report. Barbara said there was a $2000 donation to be put into the convention fund and needs to be noted. Barbara wanted to know what the convention fund total would be after that donation. Cindy said the total convention fund would be $3,010.75. Cindy said what is not on this report is the $1500 that the budget allows for convention fund so that would be an additional $3000 for the convention fund. Barbara asked if there were any other questions or comments. Mary asked for clarification on what the convention fund would be used for. Barbara clarified how the convention fund is used to help bridge the gap between registration fees and the total cost of the convention. Cindy added that the Dobson scholarship paid out $4000. Also, for the picnic we had expenses of $352.68 for the food and $105 for rental of the shelter and purchasing cupcakes. That made a total $457.68 in expenses for the picnic. We had donations of $124 towards the picnic making our actual total $333.68 for picnic out of the general fund. Cindy said the auction results from convention was $1515 for our portion but she has not finished calculating where all those funds will go. Rita said we made $191 from the ACBI table at convention and $65 for the 50/50 raffle. Barbara asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. Rita made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Mel seconded the motion. Barbara asked if there was any discussion. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

# Old Business

A.       Brief convention update, 2021 and 2022—Barbara said there were sixteen that went from Indiana. She shared that we had a very active business meeting. Deanna shared that Ohio had 60% of the auction items compared to our 40%. Mary said we should consider learning from Ohio on making the convention hybrid. Barbara is hoping 2022 convention can be in Bloomington.

B.      Investment statement policy committee update—Rita, Rhett, Don, Mike, and Cindy make up committee. They started working on this about three months ago. Rhett found a template to fill in information we needed. The committee has been working together through zoom and emails to fine tune and include the important info. The committee is close to a final draft. The committee passed the statement on to financial advisor at BAIRD to see what else is needed and what not to include. He has passed in on to someone else and should be sent back to committee by middle of next week. The hope is the statement will be finished and approved by January.

C.      ACBI’s Accessible voting advocacy update—Dee Ann shared that her and Barbara are in contact with attorneys. They had a meeting with Secretary of State office and the judge, and they were supposed to be mediating but they came to no conclusion. Lawyers are still collaborating with them but no conclusion. Looks like it could be until December 2022 for a new trial. In August they took more statements for more information. Indiana election division and Secretary of State want to be two separate entities. At the national level, the get up and get moving campaign and diabetics in action are joining forces to begin a legislation education initiative. November 9 will be a meeting via Zoom as community call.

# New Business

1. Budget committee – Barbara said we need to put together a budget committee. Barbara has asked three people. She has asked Vicky to chair as a board member. Barbara has also asked Rhett and Anita who are non-board members. Anita is an accountant that we have used on our audit committee. Barbara asked if there were any questions or comments about this committee. Barbara said anyone else who wants to join this committee to let her know.
2. Constitution, resolution committee – The constitution also states we should have a constitution and resolution committee with four members and a chair. Barbara said we could roll our constitution and bylaws committee into one committee including the resolution committee. Mel stated that she would be interested in helping with this committee.
3. Our constitution states that sixty days after convention we should appoint a state membership chair.  Barbara wants to know what this person does. Dee said she thought this position was to encourage renewal of membership and increase membership. Barbara said we should look at other organizations to see how they have described this role. Cindy said the person in this roll would enter and verify memberships.
4. Board statements of expectations – Rita and Dee have been working on statements of confidentiality and code of conducts for board members. The executive committee will be working on this. Barbara asked if there were any comments or discussion.
5. Don shared that when the Hofstetter opportunity grant fund was established, the board decided that the state chapter and the individual chapters at that time would contribute $250 per year towards the grant. The motion was passed by the board. If no contributions are made and grants are given, the fund will decline. The board needs to confirm whether chapters must give or not. Cindy said at this point we have $30,889 in the Hofstetter account. Cindy does not know how much of that is grant money. Barbara said typically we do not use more than about $600 per year out of that account. Some discussion took place. The suggestion was for chapter representatives to go back to their chapters and have this discussion.

Barbara also shared that the letter writing campaign will not be a statewide event anymore. Each chapter is responsible to do this campaign if they are interested in it.

# Updates and Announcements

1. Presidents and legislative seminar is in March this year. Don and Dee said it is the first weekend in March. Let Barbara/Rita know if you want to attend. We have it budgeted for two people to attend. It will be hybrid so too can participate online or go in person.
2. Barbara shared about the ACB get up and get moving campaign. Barbara suggested possibly having a monthly call to encourage each other to get up and get moving.
3. Don shared that the 2020 treasurer report does not show $250 to Hofstetter grant, paid $300 to Bosma. $100 to the blind children’s fund, $100 to VIPS, or the $100 to the James Oleson fund for 2021. He also shared that Bosma will be holding vision 101 in person for November and December. Don also said in the past they membership chair would write letters to people needing to renew their membership.
4. Chapter Reports – Regina shared that SCAVI had their chili supper in October and thanked everyone for their support. Ted summarized what Heartland did over the past year including the July ADA event. Dee reminded everyone that Organization Day for our legislators begins November 15.

# Adjourn

Gerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rita seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Goodman

Secretary