**ACBI Board Meeting**

**Face to Face Oct. 22, 2017, Sandusky, OH**

**10:55 am**

Members in attendance: Lynn Powers, Barbara Salisbury, Rita Kersh, Bill Sparks, Gerry Koors, Don Koors, John Huffman, Rich Vonderhaar, Jeff Busch, Cindy Brookings.

Guests in attendance: Ray Campbell, Karen Campbell, Pat Tussing, Reggie Vonderhaar, Rhett Salisbury, Machell Philippone

The agenda was accepted with no additions or deletions.

The minutes were approved with no additions or corrections. If any guests request the minutes, they will be sent to them.

The audit committee has left, so their report will be presented in January. The treasurer’s report was presented 10/21/17, with a correction needed, which will be made at a later date. (The correction needed is listed in the convention minutes for 10/20-21/2017.)

The 2018 convention has possibly 3 good sites. Dates are in question. It was strongly felt that a joint convention, in Indiana, especially if competitive, would be very viable and best if the 4 states are involved (IL, MI, IN and OH). Sept. 28-30, 2018 is the date IL is holding for its convention (that is the date for Vision Expo).

Bill Sparks then spoke about the web site. He and the committee have met several times, informally interviewed 2 vendors, and he and Rich have decided on one vendor. The proposal includes $1,000 for building the website (40 hour commitment at $25.00 an hour). The website (in the https, totally secure system) would include ecommerce (ability to accept dues and other monies), allow for online registrations and be totally accessible but also attractive to sighted viewers. Michael Lauf (who is visually impaired) of Evansville has built the website in the expectation of being paid.

Ongoing maintenance would be at a cost of either $25 an hour or $60 a month (like a retainer). Bill would oversee the webmaster. We would also keep our current url.

The proposal is included as a separate document. It would include 2 years hosting, 3 months free update/support.

$1,900 would be the total price, including software and $114 a year for the website.

Bill will email the information and written report to the board. It is important that we make a decision quickly, It is anticipated that the board would meet by Thanksgiving, to decide on this proposal.

The committee was thanked for its important work.

Our fall fundraising letter brought in $1,900 for 2016. Don mentioned that names are needed, as the state receives 60%, chapters 40% of the donations; this is a 35% return of targeted mail. It is usually mailed by early December. An article will be written for Focus, mentioning the letter fundraiser, as many members do not know of it. It should also be mentioned to local chapters, so they can add names to the list (send to Don). It should also be sent to members via email list. There are 190 ACBI members

We raised, this weekend, $77 for Hofstetter endowment fund, $1,431 the auction, $105 for the cookbooks and other items (candy, cookbooks, potholders, dishcloths and soaps).

Kudos to Bill for work on website and to Lynn and Jeff, who are leaving the board.

The Focus deadline is Nov. 15.

ACB National board meeting is Oct. 5-7, 2018.

Next year’s board meetings will be:

January 27. Teleconference

April 28

July 21

` November 24

The Indiana State Library may change to being open only the 2nd Saturday of the month, except when special events occur, like Vision Expo.

Adjournment at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Edythe Huffman, Secretary