**ACBI Board Minutes**

**July 31, 2021**

# 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, Lynn Powers, and Mike Adams. Guests on the call were Pat Tussing, Michael Lauf, Katrina Anderson, and Don Koors. Not present was Bill Sparks, John Huffman, Mary Stores, Michelle Hahn, Ted Boardman, and Melissa Wobschall

# Secretary’s Report

Barbara asked if there were any questions about the minutes from the last meeting. Gerry asked that the wording for elections at national have elected officers added. Rita made a motion to approve the minutes with the change Gerry suggested, Regina seconded. 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. There was none. Regina made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Vicky seconded the motion. Barbara asked if there was any discussion. Mike said there were some things that could be done to make the spreadsheet more accessible to screen readers. He has been discussing this with Cindy and wanted to make the board aware that there may be some changes. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

# Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration

Rita shared that the celebration will be at Brown County State Park. We have a large shelter that can hold up to one hundred people. The shelter is right before you enter the campground and is right next door to the camp store. The committee is collecting picnic supplies. Food has been ordered; most has been paid for. Rita went over the menu. Rita is ordering 50th anniversary cupcakes as well. We will have door prizes. People can bring door prizes to donate. We will also have a dessert auction so bring desserts. The money from the auction will go towards next year’s convention. There will be some games in case anyone wants to hang out to play games. We have electricity in the shelter and the windows and doors will open. Bring lawn chairs if you want to be more comfortable. The committee was made up by Rita, Deanna, Mary, and Pat. Barbara asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Rita said as of now, thirty-nine people have RSVPed. Barbara said to let Rita know if you are attending.

# ACBI Voting at ACB Convention

Barbara and Dee Ann reviewed how the virtual voting went during the national convention. A discussion was also had about looking at our constitution and bylaws on how to incorporate virtual voting. Barbara asked if there were any questions or comments on this topic. There were none.

# Marketing Donations for Website

 Mike went to the website in December to make a donation and it was a little more difficult. He described his experience. He thinks before the field where we enter our information, ACBI tells what the funds are for in order to not scare people away from entering their info. Also instructions for how it is through pay pal. Rita said also have a spot where people can choose where their donation is going to. Lynn and Dolly agree with that. Dee Ann shared that other sites show how the money they are giving will be used to help people. Rita also said that we should be sending a thank you letter and that their contribution is tax deductible. We could also use square as well as PayPal. Also, the option to write a check and send it. Cindy said that Chase may have an option to transfer money for free to our account. Cindy will investigate it. Mike said that you can use your credit card through PayPal and that should be mentioned.

# ACBI/ACBO Convention Update

Rita, Barbara and Lynn have been attending meetings. Convention is Halloween weekend, October 29-31. It is at the same hotel as 2019 in Columbus. Planning meetings are the first Monday evening of each month. Let Barbara know if you want to join the call.

1. Let Lynn know if you have auction items.
2. Award nominations? Think about who we want to nominate for an award. Rita said there is a description on the website of the awards and who have received those awards. Gerry has a complete list as well.
3. D.   Convention business meeting:  1:  positions to fill; Officers to fill and three board positions. Bill Sparks goes off, Mel can run again, and a third. Gerry can let us know.

2:  Considerations:  constitution and bylaws amendments, submitted by Rita; these were sent in an attachment. Mike Bowman and John are on the constitution committee. One item is to change with a code of conduct. Dee said the constitution committee will review this and come with their comments at convention.

# Updates and Announcements

1. Information Station:  We need greater participation. You are invited to join the planning committee to share ideas. Planning committee call is on 4th Monday of the month. If you are interested, please let Kari know. Dee said she had some ideas; VIPS and affiliates to learn about special interest groups at national level, also possibly Lion’s club. August meeting is the National Institute on disability. Gerry said we could also look at the BRL interest group.
2. Advocacy and Awareness committee:  report on ACBI accessible absentee voting suit—Dee said that yesterday we heard from the attorney. They are asking to speak to Dee and Barbara and other plaintiffs. We had a meeting to mediate between us and secretary of state. It is still ongoing. New laws went into effect July 1.
3. Nominating committee, chairing, Regina, need volunteers. Gerry will help.
4. Dobson update—Rita We made changes to our criteria because of 14 years with no awards given. We changed who would be eligible. We have given four scholarships which was all of the money we had. The Dobson fund has been closed! Mike said we could consider opening the Dobson fund. Gerry shared that because this was a family account it should be closed out. Barbara said we could start a new scholarship fund in a different name if we wanted to. Rita said we could have one for a student or child of a parent who is visually impaired.

# Updates and Announcements

1. If anyone has passed away in your chapter, please let Gerry know.
2. Circle city is having a picnic next Saturday
3. Rita said that SCAVI had their picnic in June. SCAVI did not meet in July because of the holiday. In August we will meet on Monday and have a speaker that helped start a program called spin – serving people in need. They provide breakfast, shower, laundry and other to help people in need. SCAVI will have their election in November. SCAVI is planning to have our annual chili supper and silent auction in October.
4. Do we want our 4th quarter meeting to be in conjunction with convention or a call the Saturday before or the Saturday after. Barbara suggests the following Saturday. Dee says no because of elections. Barbara will throw out a couple dates on email. Please respond and let her know.

# General Comments

Don said the finance committee needs to get back together to take a look at bonds. He also wants to know if the money has been released for the letter writing campaign and that ACB has a matching donation program up to $10,000. He also shared that Bosma is going to be doing vision 101 in person again.

Dolly said September 11 is vision expo. Do we want to have a table? Who will work it? Let Barbara know.

Katrina wants to make sure she is on the list for the focus. Cindy will check on this and get back with her.

# Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Goodman

Secretary