

ALHA Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2015

Board Members Present

Josh Williams-President
Steve Dunlap- Vice President
Tess Kidd- Treasurer
Joleen Linson- Secretary
Kerry Spears- Communications
Linda Powell- District 1 Representative
Leon Tidwell- District 2 Representative
Jane-Ellen Ross- District 3 Representative
Lieta Spears- District 4 Representative
Ian Beard- Past District 2 Representative

Officer Reports

Vice President: Nothing to report; Ian Beard mentioned that the Vice President served as the chair of the awards committee but the committee was largely inactive. It could be revived and district reps could be in charge of nominating.

Treasurer: Last year's income was \$7866.00, expenses were _____. The conference brought in \$5200 and not all of it was spent. The conference made money. The website fee was \$1200. Before arriving to the conference there was \$12,700.00 in the bank. Auction made over \$1000. We have a \$600 fellowship to the ALHFAM conference in Williamsburg We could possibly be able to fund more scholarships. We still have \$1000 outstanding from the state for conference registration. Steve Dunlap asked about the auditor. Tess informed us that there was \$1000 budgeted for an auditor. We could do an audit and we need to because it is good practice. We discussed if there might be a cheaper way to audit. Ian has a connection to a firm in Fort Smith that could maybe give us a discount. Tess will look for an auditor and report back at next meeting. It was decided that an audit should be done whenever the treasurer position changes hands. Ian also mentioned that Kristyn had suggested a nominating committee to make sure that we get qualified people for positions.

Secretary: Membership is down to 100. Leah will be finishing up some conference related things and then she will meet with Joleen this week to turn over the secretary records.

Communications: Kerry is still trying to sort out membership to update the email list. He is also working on the website. He will be sending ALHA information to other History Professional Groups as well. He will be working on the ALHA facebook page. He wants everything to be channeled through the ALHA communications email.

District 1: Hosting a Journeyman workshop but do not yet have a date set yet. Shari McCulloch and Karen Woodruff are doing workshops. One will be on May 1.

District 2: New Representative Leon Tidwell introduced himself. He is going to get started on getting workshops set up.

District 3: The next ALHA conference will be held in Fort Smith from March 4-6. Steve Dunlap will be programs chair. Tess Kidd will be assisting with financial matters and Doug Kidd will be helping with local arrangements. Theme for the conference will be “History is in Your Nature”. District 3 will be setting up a group Facebook page to get information out to members. It was decided that an email list should be created for each district.

District 4: They are holding workshop. There are volunteers at Historic Washington State Park that want to be institutional members. Leita said she can help with the conference arrangements in Fort Smith since she knows people there.

Old Business

None to Report at this time; minutes from last meeting not sent out yet

New Business

Tess suggested that the new board members read the bylaws and the SOPs for ALHA.

There was discussion on how money given to regions for workshops should be used. Workshops are to benefit members and money should go towards that and not to pay for facility rental. Workshops should also be coordinated through the district rep for it to be an official ALHA workshop. The need for SOPs for workshops was discussed. It was decided that the district rep would bring the workshop to the board for approval and for approval of funds.

Linda Powell made a motion to do a journeyman workshop for District 1 that will be led by Elista Istre. Money would be used to pay her expenses and cover food for the workshop. Motion seconded and passed with no opposition.

Steve Dunlap requested that dates of the meetings and the minutes be emailed to him. Since he has trouble getting to the meetings he can conference call during the meeting.

Josh Williams will email possible dates for the next meeting which will be in June.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.