

ALHA Board Meeting Minutes May 23, 2016

Board Members Present

Josh Williams-President
Tess Kidd- Vice President
Judy Costello- Treasurer
Joleen Linson- Secretary
Kerry Spears- Communications
Linda Powell- District 1 Representative
Leon Tidwell- District 2 Representative
Carly Squyres- District 3 Representative
Leita Spears- District 4 Representative

Since this was the first meeting of the new board, everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Linda Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the last two board meetings. Leita seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Secretary Report: There were no changes to membership to report. Joleen checked on what to do for a PO Box. A motion was made by Tess for Josh to write a letter stating that we wanted a PO Box. Linda Powell seconded. Motion passed with no opposition. Judy Costello will take care of the change of address forms. Joleen will fill out the forms for the Post Office and the keys for the box will go to Joleen and Josh.

Committee Reports

Finance: Judy reported that we have \$13,590.61 in the bank. We have a surplus of \$3,176.76. We took in extra income for the conference and didn't spend as much. We do have expenses coming up: the ALHFAM scholarship and money for the audit. Judy will check the progress of the 990 forms and check on the cost of the audit. We need to move QuickBooks to Judy's computer. We need to set up an ALHA paypal account that is not someone's personal account.

Awards/Scholarship: The vice-president is the chair and the district reps are the committee members. Awards are presented at the conference. In the past awards have been for best living history event and impression. Awards are done now by recommendation. Scholarships for conference and ALHFAM fellowship emails will go out to the membership. Carly Squyres and Aaron Loehndorf have both received fellowships from ALHFAM for the National Conference.

Communications: Kerry is not receiving information for the newsletter. June 30th is the deadline for July. It was decided that district reps should turn in stories for the newsletter each time. The

deadline for this quarter is May 27th. Reps should send in information about upcoming and past events. There was discussion of changing the emails for the treasurer and communications to our domain name. Carly will check into this. There are to be five members on the communications committee: the communications chair, the secretary, and three more. Chris Adams, Carly Squyres, and Leita Spears will fill the other three spots. The Facebook discussion group was brought up. There are administrators on the group that are not members. We don't know who is running it. It's a closed group. Admins are Kerry and April Goff. Any member of the group can add someone. Kerry will add a disclaimer saying the opinions posted don't necessarily reflect the organization. Motion was made for the committee to decide what to do about streamlining our Facebook presence and social media. Judy seconded. Motion passed with no opposition. A membership list by district will be sent to each district rep.

Certification

Elista Istre has agreed to be the chair. Right now there is nothing to report. Master and apprentice certificates were handed out at the conference. The committee consists of Elista, Moriah Istre, Kent Goff, the ALHA secretary and Vice-President. Elista has a list of who is certified. It was suggested that a certification level column be added to the membership list. There was discussion on where to find the information required for certification and it is located on the website. The committee's discussion for certifying candidates is closed. Those who are seeking certification would like to know the feedback from the committee. Written comments were sent out this year. There was a suggestion to start a mentor program for those going on to the journeyman/master level. There will be an example of an annotated bibliography on the website. If a candidate has questions the committee can match them up with a mentor. There was a suggestion to add a section to the newsletter about the certification process. Add a do's and don'ts of the journeyman workshop to the website and add Moriah's powerpoint to the website as well. Concerns about the length and content of the apprenticeship workshop were brought up. There was a request for more hands-on and more information about how to develop a character. Suggestions for the workshop and certification process will be written up and sent to the certification committee.

District Reports

District 1: Living History event the first weekend in May: Founders Day in Pocahontas, good turnout for the event. Will be doing an apprentice level workshop soon.

District 2: Historic Arkansas had their Territorial Fair May 7th. Leon demonstrated fire making that he learned at the conference. There were crafts, 1940s interpretation, EARA. We had a good event. Frontier Fourth of the July will be from 2:00-4:00 on the 4th. The OSH is getting ready for Statehood Day on the 11th. Historic Arkansas will be celebrating their 75th birthday on July 19th with a big birthday party.

District 3: Washington County Historical Society had its Civil War Days. Murrell Home had Living History Days. Carly is planning an all-day retreat for district members so they can get to know each other.

District 4: The first weekend of August there will be a Ladies Gathering at HWSP. Participants will learn to make essential items so they don't have to buy them. Leita is working to keep the cost of the event down. Participants can stay at the schoolhouse.

2016 Conference Recap

Josh thanked Judy, Carly, Tess, and all the others that worked on the conference. Carly went over the feedback from the past 2 years' conferences. The conference went well. Motion was made by Joleen to give the Friends of the Drennan-Scott House \$250 as a thank you for the use of their property. Carly seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

2017 Conference

District 1 is looking at Batesville as a spot. Old Independence Regional Museum is willing to work with us. They have room for workshops and a kitchen. They have an outdoor area for the cooking workshop. The fee would be a donation to their friends group. They can fit 65 people for the potluck. The Main Street Program has a department store building that can be used Saturday and Sunday for sessions and the business meeting. They have a professional industrial kitchen. It would be \$200 to use it those days. Motion made by Linda to have the conference in Batesville February 24th-26th of 2017. Leon seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Old Business

Josh has been in contact with the ALHFAM president about ALHA's membership. The institutional membership is limited to 25 members. It was decided that if you are an institutional member through your work then you would leave the spots for those who aren't members through their work. We remain reciprocal members with TLHA for workshops and conferences. Josh is going to check with TLHA to see if they are still agreeable to this. We need to figure out how to decide who would be the 25 members of ALHFAM through the ALHA membership. It was suggested that board members that aren't already ALHFAM members have some of the spots.

New Business

Tess made a motion that on ALHA checking account ending in 1747 to remove Joleen Linson and Barbara Ward as signers and add Judy Costello and Patricia Kidd. Kerry seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Tess made a motion that on ALHA checking account ending in 6532 to add Judy Costello to the account. Kerry seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Tess made a motion that on ALHA checking account ending in 6532 to require 2 signatures for checks. Carly seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Leita made a motion to adjourn. Leon seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.