

## BLIND LGBT PRIDE INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, August 11, 2013

### **Call To Order**

President Guillermo Robles called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM CST.

### **Roll Call**

Guillermo Robles, William Burley, Gabriel Lopez, Kevin Ratliff, don brown, Caitlin Hernandez, Richard Marion, Mikey Wiseman

### **Approval of Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

Richard asked for a clarification on the newly approved amount for membership dues. At the 2013 business meeting, the board and membership voted to increase annual dues to \$15, \$10 for students, and to lower the cost of a Lifetime membership to \$200.

The minutes were approved as submitted. MSC, (Brown, Burley)

### **President's Remarks**

Guillermo thanked everyone who helped at convention and for all of the good advice. He announced that Harlow Pease will be the board parliamentarian.

### **Appointment of 9th board position**

Guillermo gave a brief background and some history on the 9<sup>th</sup> board position. He consulted with ACB's Parliamentarian, Scot Marshal, and BPI's Parliamentarian, Harlow Pease. The general consensus is to treat the position as a vacancy. The term of the position will be for one year, and Guillermo will appoint that position. Guillermo appointed Mark Hanohano as second Vice-President. All board members supported the appointment.

## **Fundraising Chair Appointment**

Guillermo is taking on the responsibility of fundraising chair. Richard suggested that Mark should serve as fundraising chair as Second Vice-President. There was some discussion around that matter. Guillermo will continue to serve as chair.

## **Proposed email voting policy & language on Board of Directors email listserv**

Mikey asked how votes via email will be reported in the minutes. Will said that it will be up to the secretary how those discussions will be reported in the minutes. A motion was made to accept the email voting policy. MSC, (Burley, Marion)  
Don Brown Abstained.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Account Balances**

**Paypal:** \$373.75

**Checking:** \$1449.89

**Savings:** \$499.78

**Endowment Fund:** \$500.10

### **Expenditures**

1363.11 in convention expenses.

### **Revenues**

656

**Membership Dues:** \$366

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. MSC, (Wiseman, Burley)

## **Budget and Finance Committee report**

Gabriel reported that the Budget and Finance Committee is meeting this month to develop a budget and to draft some approved spending policies. They are working on the policies and they

will produce a report in September. Kevin said that the approved amounts that the president will be allowed to spend without board approval should not change with the amount of money the organization has. Don said that he doesn't understand the correlation between the authorized amounts and their being based on how much money is in the account. It seems we're making this more complicated than it needs to be. Don said that this is a board policy, and the board has a right to take action on the matter. The committee will bring the recommendations to the board in September.

### **Membership/Outreach Committee Report**

Caitlin reported that we have 1 new member, 2 renewals and a Lifetime Membership. She asked about the status of a revised welcome letter. Will said that the 1 she has will work. Mikey asked about the electronic reporting system. Caitlin said that she had a conversation with George who has been very helpful and has given her some good advice.

Guillermo reported that Cynthia Fob has some great ideas and we look forward to hearing from her in the future.

### **Public Relations Committee Report**

Will reported that the committee is looking for a webmaster and an editor for the newsletter. He is talking to a potential editor for the news letter. Mark has agreed to handle social media. Will said that there are outdated Paypal Buttons on the website for membership dues. The buttons do not reflect the new dues amounts. Will recommended Word press as a new web content manager. Will made a motion to accept the proposal. Mark asked what costs so much. Will said that everything has to be moved from the old site to the new site. Gabriel asked if we are moving to the other site just because of the Paypal buttons. Will said that there are other problems with the web site, and Wordpress is more accessible and has more features. MSC, (Wiseman, Brown)

### **Advocacy and Legislative Committee Report**

There were some questions from board members about the duties and purpose of this committee. Will said that the chair of the committee could watch and keep up on LGBT related bills. Mikey asked what Guillermo had in mind when he created the committee. Guillermo explained that this is a standing committee and the committee could work on bills and other legislative issues.

Andria said that a blurb could be put in every state newsletter letting people know that we're here.

### **Programs Committee Report**

Don reported that the committee has not met yet. He announced the members of the committee. Gabriel asked if Guillermo has sent Don the information that he wants to be on the committee. Guillermo will send Don the information. The committee will work closely with the fundraising committee.

### **Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report**

Harlow reported that the committee has not met, but they already have a number of agenda items. He hopes Don and Will will continue to serve on the committee. Harlow asked if the electronic voting policy that was adopted today should have come through him. It was clarified that that was a board voting policy. Don asked if the committee will take another look at electronic voting. Harlow said yes.

### **Public Q&A**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM CST. MSC, (Burley, Brown)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Ratliff  
Secretary