

BLIND PRIDE INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday May 11, 2013

### **Call To Order**

Guillermo Robles called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM CST.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Guillermo Robles, Don Brown, Kevin Ratliff, Gabriel Lopez, Connie Torrissi, George Ashiotis

Absent: Mark Hanohano, Mikey Wiseman

### **Approval of minutes**

April Minutes were accepted as presented. MSC, (Torrissi, Ratliff)  
Don Brown and George Ashiotis abstained.

### **President's Remarks**

Guillermo reported that he is going to convention. He was awarded the DKM 1<sup>st</sup> Timer Fund. He also received a check for \$12 for dues from Brian Ssekatawa from Uganda. Harlo said that he liked that the meeting recording was posted last month. Rob Hill reported that Paul Edwards, past ACB President, continues to be supportive of BPI, and he wants to see us do well.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Account Balances remain unchanged from previous report.

### **Revenues**

140.01 through Paypal  
50 for Lifetime Members

Gabriel reminded those who pledged to contribute money that the deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Guillermo asked members to try to give a little more than their dues to help out with convention.

Don asked if there is a separate account for the endowment fund. Gabriel said that the account still exists. Don asked about the lifetime membership payments coming in through the Paypal account. Kevin stated they the endowment fund is reported as a

savings account now, where as before, it was reported as the endowment fund account. Don made a motion to have the endowment fund reported as such and separate from other accounts. MSC, (Brown, Ratliff)

## **Membership Committee Report**

George reported that we now have 79 members.

## **Convention Committee Report**

Guillermo red Mark's convention report.

BPI will be starting its program off with a Welcome Party/Mixer on Friday, July 5th where you can enjoy a nice glass of wine or a fun mixed drink and a light dinner. On Saturday, July 6th in the afternoon BPI will be holding a Caucus and later hosting a joint seminar with ACBS. Enjoy a relaxed Sunday, July 7th with BPI as we host audio described movie with popcorn. On Monday, July 8th BPI will be hosting an "Employment Diversity" Seminar with special guest speaker Kathy Martinez which is co-sponsored by ACBGE. BPI will also be hosting a great informative seminar on "The State of the State of Equality for All" with Kim Welter from Equality Ohio and BPI will be holding its Business Meeting that evening. Tuesday, July 9th will be a busy day with a joint seminar with IVIE and Will Burley speaking on "Gaining a Strategic Edge with Social Media". BPI will also be joining DIA on a great seminar called "Diabetes in Progress" but the day isn't over yet. BPI will also be hosting a Meet and Greet with its Board of directors that evening which we hope to see many of you attend. On Wednesday, July 10th BPI will be hosting a phone app workshop with special guest speaker Kevin Ratliff called "What's Appening" and another great workshop called "Exploring Your Passions" with special guest speaker Will Burley. BPI will officially be ending its program with a Farewell Party on Wednesday evening with a light dinner and drinks. BPI will have a suite during the convention and the suite will be open during the convention. BPI invites you to come visit us during the convention and take advantage of the many opportunities that the convention program has

George asked which 2 program items are still being worked out. Guillermo said that he doesn't know. Don asked if there is an official program available. The official program is not yet available.

## **Elections Committee Report**

Public Comment

Will announced that he has recused himself from the committee. He has been nominated for an office. Don Brown and Harlo Peace will co-chair the committee. Don gave the elections committee report. The nomination form has been sent out 4 times.

The nominee information. Since the secretary is running, the elections committee will count the electronic ballots.

### **Communications Committee Report**

Inside Out newsletter distribution deadline

Connie said that the Non-board member deadline for submissions is June 1<sup>st</sup>, and the deadline for Board Members is June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Q&A**

Rob congratulated the Constitution and Bylaws committee on all of their hard work.

### **Deadline for board members and committee chairs**

May 31st

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM CST.