

Minutes of the July 16, 2015 AZAALAS Board Meeting

Members present: Grace Aranda, Melissa Birkett, Pamela Bortz, Stephanie Curtis, CJ Doane, Tom Greene, Eilene Janke, Cheryl Johnson, Timothy Martin, Frank McFadden and Jaime White-James

1. President Jaime White-James called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. The meeting was held via conference call.
2. Minutes from **March's** meeting were approved as written.
3. Some concern was expressed about May's meeting being postponed **as plans are underway for video conference and the summer fun event**. The question of voting online for **such** issues, **what** was acceptable for a decision. It was **accepted and** agreed that the majority rules **vote** is reasonable.
4. News editor Grace Aranda reported the membership roster now has 144 members. The member listserv was purged recently and prompted a few procrastinators to renew. Past President Tom Greene mentioned that there is a high membership enrollment from Gore and Tom will hopefully be able to **keep it** there.
5. Treasurer Stephanie Curtis provided the financial report: savings \$877.22; checking \$9,948.64. The money market has \$4,079.38 for a total of \$14,905.24, with four outstanding checks **totalling around 1500 for raffle charities and conference call**. Jaime reported that a check for \$14.05 to cover **Phoenix** refreshments **has not been cashed was misplaced** and should be voided.
6. President-Elect CJ Doane inquired about the use of the Video streaming for the spring conference and if any issues existed. Flagstaff members did not attend. More lead time and information was required for the online streaming connection **per Becky Schwartz at UA**. CJ reported that she will work on fixing the issues. She also reported the summer video conference date has changed to August 14, and will send out email reminders.
7. CJ **presented a budget via email to the board which was approved and** requested assistance for Saturday's Bearizona event. Tom offered to assist in setting up and will provide coolers for the **refreshments**. **Tom and CJ will touch base before the event to go over logistics**.
8. Central Board **Representative** Tim Martin reported that he is the incoming Chair for the D8 council. He also asked for volunteers for the National meeting. He stated that the **AALAS** Foundation has started a **fundraising** event: a painting contest to "Express your inner Hero". An easel and supplies can be purchased online for a discounted rate, with proceeds going to the Foundation. Completed artwork will be donated for the Foundation auction. Details can be found on the National AALAS website. Volunteers are needed to work the AREA Program to assist in showing 125 students around the vendor hall and to serve as tour guides. The AREA volunteers must be registered at the meeting to assist. Tim also needs Saturday night/Sunday bag stuffers. The Saturday night reception is AAALAC's 50th and our branches 30th Birthday. There will be no band. More information on the Keynote speaker will become available at a later date.
9. Southern Branch **Representative** Cheryl Johnson asked about possible nominees for the **Leadership Academy**. No registration is required. Nominees must be **approved by Jaime as president and** sent via email by August 17th. It was suggested that Cindy Madura be nominated **as she is already attending as last year's Member of the Year**.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m

