

Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: March 13, 2016

It was determined that a quorum of board members was present, and the meeting was called to order by Board Chair Byron Kerr at Noon PDT. The other board members present were: Dan Carrigan, Emily Marcus, Joe Mott, Tim Reith, Njon Weinroth, and Craig Whalley. Executive Director Robert Stump was also present. There was one non-board member present also.

Public Comments

There were none.

Consent Agenda

It consisted of the February Minutes and the Treasurer's Report. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the Minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Money was lost in January and this is typical for any year; book sales and donations were down. These items increased significantly in February and March. It was noted that these reports are always two months behind.

Member Support

The regional maps were updated, given that we have two new representatives: One for the Northwest and one for the South. A replacement for California is being actively sought.

Governance Advisory

A list of awards to be presented at the Annual Conference is being assembled. Candidate names will be sent to the Board before next month's meeting for their review and approval. A single "special award" was also discussed, the name of which is to be determined.

(Asana)

Participation is limited, and some confusion remains. Documents for review were posted (as tasks) in preface to website publication. Further discussion will occur off-line.

LifeRing Press

Status is similar to last month. Deadlines need to be set. New ownership of the Newsletter is needed and will be addressed off-line.

Administrative

Absentee voting for Congress was discussed. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously for Byron to be the Registrar again this year. Jasmine's assistance will be solicited. Robert, as in previous years, will handle all up-front details.

The terms of Mahala, Joe, and Tim will expire this year. Joe and Tim indicated they would not run again. Mahala was absent from the meeting.

External Outreach

There was no report.

Annual Conference *ad hoc* Committee

The relationship between harm reduction and abstinence was discussed in the context of one speaker. Reciprocity with SMART Recovery was addressed.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to offer travel and lodging expenses for one speaker, for which such expenses may be appropriate.

A diversity issue for the Conference is being addressed at the local level. It was agreed that an *ad hoc* committee be formed to address it.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded, and carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 1 PM, PDT.

*Submitted by Tim Reith
LifeRing Board Secretary
March 24, 2016*