

Minutes of the 2016 LifeRing Annual Congress San Diego, California: June 5

Board Congress

It was determined that a quorum of board members was present and the meeting was called to order by Board Chair Byron Kerr.

Consent Agenda

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the May 2016 Minutes as submitted.

Committee Reports

Revenue

There was no input.

Member Support

It was agreed that Lisa's Regional Representative report was thorough. All were encouraged to review it. It will be posted on the website.

Advisory

It had previously been suggested to involve Canada more fully, including possible participation at the board level. This is happening.

Awards were actively pursued and this effort concluded.

It was suggested that long and short-term goals be provided for funding and growth. This has not been pursued to date, at least formally. It was agreed that Mahala (not present) be given the responsibility for funding goals.

The status of the Portman-Whitehouse Bill was briefly discussed. Its specific status is not known, although some follow-up activity suggests that it is progressing slowly.

East Coast Activity

Byron and Njon made a number of important contacts both on the regional and national levels. Mahala will follow up.

LifeRing Press

The Newsletter will continue under the direction of Bobbi. The publication target is quarterly.

A “Keepers” book may be published under the aegis of this committee.

The publication of the “Stories of Secular Recovery” book is proceeding. Kathleen and Mahala met in Salt Lake City and edited some of the stories. It should be ready for the upcoming holiday season. Publication of it as a physical book is planned with a PDF version possible in the future.

Ad hoc Committee Activity

OpaVote will be used again this year to tally the absentee election results.

New Business

Robert volunteered to stay on for another year. He requested a salary increase as he has taken over bookkeeping responsibilities. There has been no cost of living adjustment for several years. Njon moved that an additional \$400 increase to Robert’s salary be made. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

The need for our brick and mortar facility was discussed.

Adjournment

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

Submitted by Tim Reith

LifeRing Board Secretary

August 1, 2016

Board Members present at June 2016 Board Meeting:

- Byron Kerr
- Carola Ziermann
- Craig Whalley
- Dan Carrigan
- Njon Weinroth
- Emily Marcus
- Tim Reith
- Joseph Mott