

Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: July 10, 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, Mahala Kephart, Emily Marcus, Joe Mott, Carola Ziermann, and Craig Whalley. The Executive Director Robert Stump was also present. Tim Reith and Njon Weinroth were not. LifeRing Members George Gidora, Harold Marquez, Rob Mullally, Jasmine Sherk, and Lisa Swing-Corney, were present. Note that George, Harold, and Rob were nominated as board members at the 2016 Annual Conference. They will be installed next month when all absentee voting is complete.

Public Comments

There were none.

Consent Agenda

It consisted of the June Minutes of the BOD Congress Meeting, not yet written. This item was tabled.

Committee Reports

External Outreach

Michael Boticelli, of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) was recently awarded a “Faces and Voices of Recovery” Advocacy Award from them. He is a strong advocate of evidence-based approaches to recovery. A letter of congratulations was sent to him on behalf of the LifeRing membership.

LifeRing Press

Efforts continue on the “Stories of Secular Recovery” book.

Additional Activity

Fund Raising

A solicitation letter, targeted for the holiday season is in draft form.

Election

There are five days left. Several members have not yet responded. Anonymity was discussed.

Regional Representatives

Lisa has been working on a Google Group-based system that will promote better organization and communications among the representatives.

An effort is underway to render the Convenor Conference calls international.

Several LifeRing meetings are planned in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. Grant money is a concern.

Recent Website Proposal

This proposal was rejected but it was felt that other proposals might be solicited. It was noted that a website redesign involves substantial efforts from the board. A lead person needs to be defined. A San Diego contact will be pursued by Rob.

Several grant proposal strategies were discussed.

Service Center

Book orders and shipping have increased.

Amazon pricing was discussed.

New Board Members

They will be named at the August BOD meeting after all voting has been completed.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM PDT.

Submitted by Tim Reith

LifeRing Board Secretary

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