

## **Minutes of the LifeRing Board of Directors Meeting: August 14, 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, George Gidora, Emily Marcus, Rob Mullally, Njon Weinroth, Craig Whalley, and Carola Ziermann. The Executive Director, Robert Stump, was also present. Board Member Harold Marquez was not present. LifeRing Members present were Tim Reith and Lisa Swing-Corney.

George, Harold, and Rob were nominated as Board Members at the 2016 Annual Conference. Since absentee voting was completed, the Secretary certified these results and a document to this effect was sent to the Registrar, establishing them as Board Members. Note that Mahala Kephart, Joe Mott, and Tim Reith completed one or more three-year terms as Board Members and chose to not seek additional Board appointments.

### **Public Comments**

There were none.

### **Consent Agenda**

It consisted of the June and July 2016 Minutes. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the July Minutes as submitted. Acceptance of the June Minutes, having not been written at the time of the July meeting, was tabled at that meeting. Having subsequently been written, it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept them as submitted.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Revenue**

#### **Member Support**

#### **Advisory**

There was no input this month.

#### **LifeRing Press**

The number of submissions for the “Stories of Secular Recovery” publication was discussed. A target date for publication was set for year-end.

The “Recovery by Choice” print on demand is working and we have a draft copy.

#### **External Outreach**

The Peter F. Dodge grant proposal will be for 139 literature kits (one for each meeting.)

Lisa discussed a detailed draft from Tom McHale regarding a presentation at the upcoming SUD Conference in Detroit, with focus being the expansion of recovery pathways within the human service referral network. She asked the Board for additional input.

### **Administrative**

There was no input this month.

### **Additional Activity**

#### **Election of the Board Chair**

Njon was nominated and accepted. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously for Njon to serve in this position. There was some discussion that this position should be a rotating one. This was also discussed at the Board Congress at the 2015 Annual Conference (see the Minutes of that meeting.)

#### **Election of Officers**

Carola agreed to serve as Treasurer. The position for Secretary was left open.

#### **Committee Restructuring**

This discussion was tabled until next month when the new Chair is in place.

#### **BOD Communications**

Members were encouraged to use the private Google group for discussions in order to create a retrievable record of such; using the lifering.org email account does not replace the need for this group.

#### **Annual Conference**

The low attendance at this year's Conference was discussed. Travel and other expenses can make attendance difficult for some people. Carola will chair a committee to address this issue.

### **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*

*September 3, 2016*