



SLA Michigan Chapter
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SLA MICHIGAN CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1:00 PM via ZOOM

Attendees: Eric Tans (President); Alexandra Hauser (President Elect); Edward Dunne (Treasurer); Caryn Noel (Secretary); Anne Herron (Director); Laura Walesby, Sheila Bryant, Mary Catherine Moeller, Joel Scheuher, Danguole Kviklys, Jennifer Zimmer

AGENDA

1. Board member introductions

- Board members welcomed each other on this opening meeting of 2020.
 - i. Eric reminded all volunteers to sign the Code of Conduct, it is compulsory to participate on the Board. This is to be done annually. If needed, the link will be sent out to the Board.

2. SLA Reorganization Discussion (Eric Tans)

- The major takeaways:
 1. No longer a chapter, a community.
 2. No longer in charge of own finances, now centralized.
 3. Name change coming in the near future.
- Discussion followed. Currently, there is approximately \$15,000 in checking and savings, combined. What happens to our funds? Do we track expenditures down the road?

As the goal was to create “one SLA” and centralizing bank accounts, this initiative aimed to encourage other communities to participate more, and have flexibility with funds. Chapters were scared to spend money. There is no need track expenditures any longer. This chapter (community) has been very fiscally conservative.

Further questions arose about the process. Do we charge for events anymore? Do we need sponsors anymore? What is the process for expenditures? It was noted that a lot of the answers could be found on the FAQ's. It is the intent of the centralization to alleviate the process of sponsorship or writing checks. SLA HQ should reach out to each treasurer by March 15 to transfer funds to the main bank account. A question was raised regarding known expenses for the current year – (travel for board members, awards).

- **Ed will send a list of anticipated expenses for the year to Eric for review.**

- *On February 10, Laura Walesby sent an email from SLA HQ, hosting a series of webinars on the transition for Treasurers, Events and Sponsorships. Members will attend as time permits and report back at the next meeting.*

3. Treasurer's Report: (Ed Dunne)

Balance of Accounts detailed below as of February 4, 2020:

- Business Checking: \$ 10,699.48
- Business Savings: \$ 4,431.42
- **Total combined: \$ 15,530.90**

Previous Year Expenditures: \$4,628.79

Previous Year Income: \$1,291.20

Net: **\$2,842.59**

SLA Pooled Fund: **\$7,432.51**

4. 2020 Programming Discussion (Alex Hauser)

- **Alex has drafted a membership survey and will send to the Board for comment. The goal for this year is a 2 – 3 webinars (events), based on survey results.**
- Questions will range from type of activities, ability to leave work, distance from work or home, etc. to gauge interest and access to membership.
- Discussion of possible partnerships (medical, law, business, marketing library associations) – all pending survey data.
- Dee will send a copy of previous survey for Alex's use.
- **Alex will start a Google Doc for comment. She will send out the link to the Board and await comments.**

5. Committee Proposal – Outreach (Eric Tans)

- Wayne State University (Walesby), University of Michigan (Moeller) and Michigan State University (Wolcott) – Discussion to create liaisons to students at these institutions. Ed offered to reach out to Kathy Wolcott as she is not on the Board.
- Ed Dunne made the motion to create an Ad hoc Outreach Committee. Dee was the second. **The vote was unanimous and motion was approved.**
- *Ed gave an update via email on February 9 that there is another person (Elizabeth) who is interested in the Outreach Committee, as well as Kathy.*

6. Other business

- **Eric will send out a Doodle poll for standard meeting dates and times.**

7. Adjourn

- Ed Dunne made the motion to adjourn. Dee was the second
- Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Minutes recorded by Caryn Noel