



ACLS BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2021 – 3:00 PM ET
Minutes

PRESENT:

Officers Jim Hundt (president), Martin de Sapio (treasurer), Gale Francione (secretary)
Board Members Johan Van Parys, Jay Carpenter, Margaret (Peggy) Adams Parker, Gianfranco Tassara.
Committee Liaisons William Brocius (Communications) and Marilyn Morgan (Webinar).
Other Attendees Karen Schmidt and Greg Lewis.

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS – Jim welcomed new Board Members Jay Carpenter, Peggy Parker, and Gianfranco Tassara.
2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – Jim moved /Jay seconded approval of the minutes.

GALE will put a .pdf of June and July minutes on the website.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. TREASURER’S REPORT – Martin

1. Financial Reports – Martin and Jim discussed the budget with the Board and indicated that it is on track for this year, with some items over and some under. The more we collect in membership dues the more we can spend on advertising, and this is where we can make budget adjustments.

2. Cancellation of Robert’s Zoom account (as it is a duplicate.)

MARTIN will verify with Robert Habiger that he has cancelled the account.

B. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Karen

1. New affiliate member – G.A. Marble SRL – They are also a sponsor.

2. New Membership Committee Chair – Jay has agreed to be the new chair of the Membership Committee. He will take over from Karen as soon as they discuss the transition and inform the Board.

JIM will set up the email transition with our IT person (Cliff).

3. General Discussion on Membership, Website and Communication

Over the past year, it has been difficult to recruit new members without face-to-face interaction among artists/architects. A great deal of membership recruiting happens in this way.

One goal of the Board is to grow the membership and to make the website more valued to members. When the ACLS website is easier to find, this encourages continued membership.

There is great value in the non-tangibles of connecting with like-minded colleagues by being a member of ACLS.

As a member of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), ACLS has access to their membership list. Will wants to add this list as “nonmember subscribers” who will receive the ACLS newsletter (though not other ACLS resources). The Board hopes FDLC members will learn more about ACLS and direct potential clients to the website.

It was also noted that Dioceses/organizations can join ACLS as “associate” members, and that FDLC itself might be re-approached to join as a member. Jay offered to make this contact. He suggested that we consider offering FDLC an honorary membership. The board will need to agree to that first but it is well worth considering, given the important relationship between our organizations.

We will have our new flyers available for the FDLC meeting for our members to share on their exhibit tables.

JIM will send out an email asking which members will be exhibiting at FDLC. He will get brochures to Marilyn, for distribution.

PEGGY will investigate an equivalent to FDLC in the Episcopal Church.

C. WEBINAR COMMITTEE REPORT – Marilyn

Pam Hardiman has taken over coordinating the webinar series. Starting in September, all ACLS webinars will be on ZOOM, with the exception of the committee meeting itself. Peggy will present the webinar in September, using ZOOM, with a practice session on August 17. The committee has webinars set up through December, 2022 with the exception of October and November, 2022.

MARTIN will activate the ZOOM webinar for the August 17 practice session if possible, and definitely for the September webinar.

D. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Will Brocius

The newsletter was published this week. William will correct the dates for Jay and Victor’s webinars. The link is correct but it doesn’t connect. No committee meeting scheduled at this time.

WILL will contact Cliff to correct the link. And add the “subscribe” link on the newsletter, as well as several other IT items

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Oberammergau trip/update website – Will will contact Johannes next week after he returns on August 26.

B. ACLS Retreat, Mount Angel Abbey, Oregon – Greg will act as contact.

Dates...August 4-6,7 2022

Thursday afternoon – Saturday afternoon, with possible optional Sunday departure
\$115 per night for single room
\$145 per night for double occupancy
Extra for tours and transportation to Portland, OR.

Martin moved/Jay seconded a motion to reserve the venue and commit \$500 deposit by the Board. Motion passed, pending a clarification of minimum rooms needed (before we lose the deposit), and the cancellation policy.

GREG will check and get back to the Board.

Note: Greg is leaving the board, but will continue on the Communications Committee and as contact for the Retreat.

Themes – Several themes were suggested

[NB: I have included the notes from last month’s minutes in this section. GF]

*Creating a Personal Sacred Space – Greg has offered to facilitate these sessions which would reflecting on what our personal sacred space could be and include creating a collage .

*John Paul II’s Letter to Artists – Reflection upon the letter for our work. (Johann?)

*Nature of Creativity – Suggested by Peggy Examining creativity as a theological act, the group will look together at instances of creativity in the work of historical artists and reflect on our own creative acts. Peggy is willing to facilitate.

Components could include:

Meet in small groupings
Connect consultancy and the arts

Create art together
Bring art to be blessed in ritual
Set aside time to learn from each other
Discussing, reflecting on, sacred art.
Membership interactions
Ritual interactions
Artist presentations and interactions
Some time for optional tours.
Blessing of the members on the last day.
Learning about artistic media, the creative process
How does collaboration work? Or not?
Liturgical design and process.
Karen offered a visit to her studio.

- C. Adding committee contacts to the website – Jim –
The Secretary, communication, and membership chairs will have a
forwarded email on the website.
- D. Survey tool – Will – Tabled
- E. ACLS Conference – Tabled
- F. Tutorials (PDF) or live session – Tabled
 - 1. Uploading images to portfolio
 - 2. Make changes to my directory page
 - 3. How to make the dashboard disappear
 - 4. Creating a post
 - 5. How to login

Gianfranco moved/Jay seconded a motion to adjourn.



Next ACLS BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2021 – 3:00 PM ET