



ACLS BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2022 – 3:00 PM ET

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jim Hundt, (President), Gale Francione (Secretary), Martin DeSapio, (Treasurer) Peggy Parker, Jay Hall Carpenter (membership committee), Marilyn Morgan (webinar committee), Will Brocious (communications committee), George Hoelzeman

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – Jim
Minutes will stand as written. (Jim/Jay)

GALE will post on the website.

2. ELECTION RESULTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

George Hoelzeman and Sarah Hempel Irani received the most votes and have been notified. They will begin their terms in July. George was introduced to the Board. Sarah could not attend today's meeting. Scott Parsons has been offered the Board position open after the resignation of Johan Van Parys. This is Jim's last month as President and Board member.

JIM has offered to assist the new president. And Jim has several tasks he does though not necessarily the job of the president, which will be distributed as appropriate.

For clarification:

Jim Hundt is President and a Board member.

Gale Francione is Secretary and also a Board member.

Martin DeSapio is Treasurer.

(NB: because the Secretary and Treasurer are specialized roles, they renew their roles every year, and may or may not be Board members.)

Peggy Parker is a Board member.

Jay Hall Carpenter is a Board member and acts as liaison with the Membership Committee.

Marilyn Morgan acts as liaison with the Webinar Committee.

Will Brocius acts as liaison with the Communications Committee.
George Hoelzeman will begin his term as Board member in July.
Sarah Hempel Irani will begin her term as Board member in July.
Scott Parsons, if willing, will begin his term as Board member in July.
(NB: there are six Board members total. If Scott chooses not to serve,
the new President (voted on in July) will appoint a sixth Board member).

Attached is a copy of the Board Members and their terms of office.

JIM will send Gale a summary of each person's terms.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. TREASURER'S REPORT – Martin De Sapio

1. Financial Reports for April and May – very quiet
Only income was interest from the account
Only expense was from Zoom account
Total \$18,419.03

Martin will continue to be the Treasurer through June, 2023

MARTIN will check that the “domain name” bill doesn't go to Robert Habiger.

b. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jay Hall Carpenter

Deanne Lenehan – Status corrected

1. Status of lapsed members:
 - David Gardiner (3/9/22) Have yet to reply
 - Claire Wing (3/30/22) Have yet to reply
2. Task checklist update - ongoing
Jay's updating the process for new registration (so that their recommendations arrive with the application) has streamlined the process by many months.

c. WEBINAR COMMITTEE REPORT – Marilyn Morgan

1. 50.8% of members opened the email for the Summer Showcase,
19% clicked the link

Showcase had about six presenters. Many different people invited to be involved with the showcase, and the committee was pleased. Fifteen people attended. If we do this again, how do we promote the event with other groups to get a broader spectrum of participants. Who and How? Overall, the showcase was well received.

Peggy asked about allowing webinars to be available to non-ACLS members. Further discussion is needed as the topic comes up often.

Although it has been our tradition to limit attendance at ACLS webinars to members and invited guests of the presenter, there is nothing in our Policies and Procedures that would prevent us from making them open to others as well. Jim suggested that as long as the board, the Webinar Committee and the presenter are in agreement that any given webinar be open to the public, then it can be promoted to non-member subscribers and others as well.

Will suggested a follow-up with the non-members who attended the showcase...put them on our newsletter list, and keep them engaged.

Marilyn would like to promote the February, 2023(?) webinar beyond our membership as the presenter is quite well known.

She requested help with Communications Committee. Asking the presenter who she would like as an audience would be a first step as to whether to open up this webinar. Perhaps opening up the audience to others would lend gravitas to our lineup of speakers.

Also, Michael Crosbie will do a “teaser” for the August retreat as a webinar.

d. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Will Brocius

Will shared his updated work on a renewed website, with comments from the Board. Suggested to have mini-videos available for problem-solving within the site as well as written .pdf documents. The Board agreed this is an asset we need to continually invest in. To make a positive website experience is important before we go forward with promoting the website.

Partners for Sacred Places, CIVA, and Faith and Forum, could be potential partners.

The Board concurs that Will’s work is very useful and helpful. THANK YOU.

WILL and JIM will meet with Cliff to continue working on the website.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

a. ACLS Retreat - Mount Angel Abbey, Oregon – August 17-20, 2023

1. 34.4% of members opened the Save the Date email

The Board needs to continue promoting it.

Gianfranco has agreed to continue in the task of liaison with the speaker and retreat.

Feedback: Members would rather not have a website “class” at the retreat.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Gale will send out minutes and arrange for the agenda for the next meeting. She will run the meeting until the new president is elected.

Thank you JIM for your many years of generous service as President !!!

Close the meeting Jim/Jay to adjourn.



Next Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
4:30 PM EDT