



ACLS BOARD MEETING  
September 13, 2022 – 4:30 EDT  
MINUTES

Officers Present: George Hoelzeman, President    Martin de Sapio, Treasurer  
Gale Francione, Secretary

Board Members: Peggy Parker     Jay Hall Carpenter  
Scott Parsons     Sarah Hempel Irani

Liaisons Present: Will Brocius  
Absent: Marilyn Morgan

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING  
Minutes approved. (Peggy/George)

**GALE** will post to the website

2. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Martin De Sapio  
ACLS has two new memberships and three expenses this month.  
Total in the accounts is 18,049.32.

Martin spoke with the local Chase Bank to update the bank records with correct officers and to straighten out the debit cards.

**MARTIN** will correct the bank records with Chase with Board Meeting minutes.  
George Hoelzeman (elected 7-2022) will replace Jim Hundt as President.  
Gale Francione (elected 7-2020) will replace Shelly Kolman Smith as Secretary.  
Martin de Sapio (elected 4-2021) will replace Robert Habiger as Treasurer.

**GALE and GEORGE** will each visit a Chase branch to request a debit card after Martin adds Gale and George to the accounts,

**GALE** will destroy the current debit card for Jim.

In Martin's conversation with Chase, it was recommended we invest in a 12 month CD with \$10,000, for which we can receive approx. \$200.00 in interest. (Better than the .10 per month currently). The Board agreed (George/Jay) to do this. There is enough cash for current expenses (Website, 2023 Retreat)

- MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jay Hall Carpenter

1. Status of lapsed members:  
Two members have re-newed.
2. There was some discussion regarding a policy towards membership. Often it's through word-of-mouth. William sends out the newsletter to potential audiences. ACLS has "members" and "subscribers" who receive the newsletter. Anyone can be added to the "subscribers" list. They can unsubscribe at any time. Will has the FDLC list and uses it for this purpose. Members who have their own newsletters are welcome to share the ACLS link.

**GALE** (cc Jay) when Lisa's password issue is resolved.

**SARAH** will get contact info to Jay regarding a new member.

**SARAH** will assist with membership ideas with Jay.

**GEORGE** will send Jay some contact information for possible members.

- COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Will Brocius

1. Newsletter and Insights  
The Newsletter will be ready to send out by Sept. 30.  
Will is waiting for Marilyn article.  
Will's article will be about setting up your page, and reminding members that their efforts will make the site even better.
2. The Board will consider putting together a small, once-a-month article/announcements sheet and the Newsletter every third month.
3. Decision on new website. William sent a revamp of the estimate. \$2655 dollars. Send Will an email if there are still concerns.

**GEORGE** will send an article "From the President"

**MARTIN** will make payment for the website work.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS:

- ACLS Retreat - Mount Angel Abbey, Oregon

1. Updates
2. Timeline for promoting the retreat

**GALE** will contact Giancarlo Tassara who is the contact person for Michael Crosbie and Mt. Angel Abbey to confirm the date/time/place.

**GALE** will send Will a "Save the Date" announcement regarding the Retreat for the Sept. Newsletter.

**GALE** will send the Board information planned so far for the August 2023 retreat.

- **FDLC Conference**  
Shelley and George will both be at FDLC, distributing flyers, renewing contacts, and doing some networking. George hopes to talk to Rita Thiron. Scott mentioned that CODAworkx is also having a conference in October.
- Follow up on conversation with Ken Griesemer et. al.

**GEORGE** will email Ken. We can put it on next month's agenda.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

- Advertising in "Living Church" (Episcopal)  
An art/architecture issue. \$325 for 1//6 page., \$650 for 1/3 page  
Also "Sacred Places" 4 issues ½ page \$2000.

George suggested the Board gather information for these magazines, and then make some deliberate decisions about our strategy.

**PEGGY** will get info to William and George regarding "Living Church" journal.

**SARAH** will send Board members the link to "Aletia," another journal.

**BOARD MEMBERS** will keep their eyes out for other media.

#### 5. Adjourn (Sarah/Scott)

**NEXT MEETING**  
**11 October 2022 at 4:30 EDT.**

Possible Agenda items: Newsletter ideas  
Retreat 2023 (Invite Gianfranco)  
FDLC Conversation

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gale Francione, Secretary

