

American Council of the Blind of Maine Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday September 20, 2023.

Time: 7:30PM

Platform: Zoom

Meeting start time: 7PM

A: Agenda was accepted.

B: Attendance: P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent without Excuse.

Amanda Frost: P

Linda Porelle: P

Nathanael Batson: P

Cheryl Peabody: P

Bruce Archer: P

Nichole Sukeforth: A

Roger Fuller: P

Carolyn Bebee: P [arrived halfway through meeting]

Joel McQuade: P [arrived halfway through meeting]

C: Acceptance of Minutes: September 7, 2023.

September 7 meeting minutes are not available.

D: Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report for August was already discussed on September 7, 2023. No other report is available.

E: Convention Update:

Possible speakers: Natalie Shearer from Lotus Rings; the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Catholic Charities; the Iris Network; Disability Rights Maine - Health Equity; Jeff Thom from ACB National; the history of ACB Maine; the Scholarship winners will be announced; there will be a Remembrance for Leona McKenna; and a business meeting will be held.

Call some of the guest speakers we mentioned to see who is available and nail down who will be on our Convention agenda by the next meeting.

F: Nomination of Officers and Directors:

Nichole Sukeforth is not available to report. However, the committee is reaching out to all members to see who may be interested in filling vacant seats.

G: Constitution and Bylaws:

Proposed amendment of bylaw 1.1:

Current language of the 1.1 states, "Annual dues will be assessed at FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$15) per year affected October 1, 2020, for the 2021 year".

Proposed amendment calls for an increase in dues to twenty dollars (\$20).

Proposed amendment for bylaw 1.2:

Current language for 1.2, "Members who are delinquent two (2) years will be dropped from the membership".

Proposing to remove 1.2 from the bylaws.

Next meeting October 5, 2023, 7PM

Bruce made a motion to adjourn.