



Minutes of the MOPACA Board/Officers' Meeting, 5th October, 2017

Present: Beverly Stock, Theresa Kaiser, Patti Jones, Stacey Blank, Steve Rush

The meeting was called to order by Steve Rush at 8:05pm.

Stacey did not get the September minutes out due to web work and traveling, will send them with the October minutes.

Website- Stacey gave a rundown of the MIAS show page problems. The show page has grown so large with information for MIAS that it is running incredibly slow. The front end of the website (what anyone sees when logging in or going to MOPACA.org) is running a little slow. However, the back end of the website (where editing is done) is running very slow. It is sometimes taking hours to make what should be a 10 minute change. Our website guys, Chris and Brian, are working to make some changes. We will make a website hosting provider change, to see if we can patch the problem for this year. If MIAS/MOPACA continues we will need to make some changes to the structure of the show page. Stacey will update the group if any charges will incur to MOPACA for changing hosting providers, at this time it should be covered under our maintenance hours, though.

Stacey also updated that somehow our Treasurer Reports and Board minutes were wiped from the website. Stacey is working on getting them back up. Theresa will send Stacey the 2014 Minutes. Stacey asked about making the new CPA a member on the MOPACA site with restrictions to only view the minutes and reports. Stacey will check into this and we will review at the next board/officer call.

Treasurer Report:

Patti advised we are down to two bank accounts consisting of a main checking account and a money market account. Beverly closed the MIAS show and Fiber U accounts. Per Patti we need to start working on the 2018 budget.

As a result of our 9/8/17 eblast Mary Lickliger contacted Steve Rush and expressed concern that our money market account funds were less than she expected and wondered if they were being used inappropriately. Steve shared the September, 2017 treasurer's report with Mary who then seemed satisfied. Patti advised that the funds can be deceiving depending on what months you look at with MIAS money going in/out. Right now we only have 33 members and 3 were gifts. Mary proposed MOPACA membership should be free, but gave no suggestions on how we would operate. Mary also recommended discontinue paying for the Admin. Assistant position and have a volunteer handle the position to save money. Board/officers briefly discussed this proposal and felt it would not work. Beverly motioned to approve the treasurer reports, no objections.

Committee Reports

Winter Seminar-

Sharon Heimes made contact with a person about the winter seminar. Her fees were \$1,000 for one day or \$750 per day for more than one day. Last year's budget was lower and we only had 25 people attend. Can we afford that much? We discussed breaking the seminar into a morning session on "What do I do with all of this fiber?" and in the afternoon someone from AOA to discuss the state of the industry.

Newsletter-

Liz Vahlkamp reports no progress.

New Business

If volunteers can be found to run as candidates for our fall election, we see MOPACA surviving through 2018. We briefly discussed the need for volunteers to chair committees, to include one for youth programs. Andrea Nissen, a fiber enthusiast from NC, has moved to the Kansas City area and would make a potential chair for the youth committee.