

Minutes
HLAA-CA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
San Francisco, California
January 14, 2017

Attending trustees: Toni Barrient (Southern Coordinator, ex officio), Jeff Chess (treasurer), Zina Jawadi (president), Lynne Kinsey, Gail Morrison (vice president), and Bob Zastrow (Northern Coordinator, ex officio)

Absent trustees: Thibault Duchemin, Marjorie (Maggie) Iller, Rachel Otto (secretary), and Meg Wallhegen (National, ex officio)

Guests: Wayne Lesser, Sara Oser, and Peter Townsend

Captioners: Leah Sowles (morning) and Liz Jenson (afternoon)

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by president Zina Jawadi.

There was a unanimous vote to confirm previous email vote to grant Bob Zastrow ex officio status with voting privilege in the HLAA-CA board.

There was a unanimous vote to confirm previous email vote to approve reimbursing Zina Jawadi for 2016 hearing loss tech expo expenses that she paid for on behalf of HLAA-CA.

The March 19, 2016 board meeting minutes were approved; one member abstained from voting, because she was not a member of the board at the time.

Zina Jawadi was unanimously voted as president, and Gail Morrison was unanimously voted as vice president.

The treasurer's 2016 report and the 2017 budget were presented by Treasurer Jeff Chess and reviewed by the board. The 2017 budget was unanimously approved.

The newsletter financial report was presented by Treasurer Jeff Chess and reviewed by the board.

The newsletter status report (prepared by co-editor Liz Lesan) was reviewed by the board.

The website report was presented by Zina Jawadi and reviewed by the board.

The Northern Coordinator report was presented by Bob Zastrow and reviewed by the board.

The Southern Coordinator report was presented by Toni Barrient and reviewed by the board.

The 2016 annual goals – fundraising, Tech Expo 2016, CAA 2016 Conference, Disability Capitol Action Day 2016, and press releases – were reviewed. All goals were achieved, except the Disability Capitol Action Day, which was not held, because the event cancelled in 2016.

Bylaws and Standing Rules were not changed in 2016. No changes are expected in 2017.

The 2017 proposed goals were presented. The fundraising, CAA Conference, Disability Capitol Action Day, and Tech Expo 2017 goals were discussed separately.

The 2017 fundraising goal is to raise at least \$2,000.

HLAA-CA plans to exhibit at the CAA Conference in September 2017 in Sacramento, and in the Disability Capitol Action Day in Sacramento, and hopes to find volunteers for each.

HLAA-CA plans to host a tech expo in Southern California in 2017.

HLAA-CA plans to recruit and nominate new candidates to be HLAA-CA BOT members.

An extensive advocacy discussion was had. Ideas included establishing board relationships with Hearing Health Providers of California (HHP-CA) and the Licensing Board, asking Bill Dial to sponsor a meeting, and continuing legislative activism.

The 2017 goals were unanimously approved, including fundraising, holding expenses at current level, keeping cash balance at current level or above, holding tech expo in Southern California in the fall of 2017, generating profit from the tech expo, exhibiting in the CAA conference in September 2017 in Sacramento, exhibiting in the Disability Capitol Action Day in Sacramento, continuing to publish the newsletter, continuing to post on the Facebook page, and issuing at least two press releases.

Committees and committee members were decided as follows:

Advocacy committee: Toni Barrient, Lynne Kinsey, and Gail Morrison

CAA Conference committee: Toni Barrient and Lynne Kinsey

Disability Capitol Action Day committee: Bob Zastrow

Fundraising committee: Toni Barrient, Jeff Chess, and Zina Jawadi

Newsletter committee: Toni Barrient, Jeff Chess, and Zina Jawadi

Nominations committee: Zina Jawadi

Press Release committee: Zina Jawadi and Gail Morrison

Tech Expo committee: Zina Jawadi and Gail Morrison

A professional outreach subcommittee will be formed within the advocacy committee to focus on establishing relationships with related organizations.

Non-board members are encouraged to join committees. Wayne Lesser volunteered to be on the advocacy committee. The newsletter committee would like to invite Liz Lesan and Grace Tiessen to join the newsletter committee. Gail Morrison will contact Southern California chapter leaders to join the tech expo committee.

Summary of action items:

- Gail Morrison: follow-up with Southern California chapter leaders about the 2017 Southern California tech expo

- Maggie Iller: contact the lady who has the social media presence about getting some ideas for social media presence about disabilities (incomplete action item from 2016 Board Meeting)
- Toni Barrient: get new database of professionals in the licensing department
- Bob Zastrow: follow-up with the Diablo Valley Chapter about the Disability Capitol Action Day
- Toni Barrient: make initial-contact with HHP-CA

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zina Jawadi