

AFM Local 1000 Executive Board Meeting, May 21, 2014, SKYPE

A quorum being present, President Fure called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on Skype.

Present for the meeting were: Tret Fure, President; Debra Cowan, Vice-President (U.S.); Ken Whiteley, Vice President Canada (from 9:00 AM to 9:10 AM); Scott Berwick, Secretary/Treasurer; Charlie Pilzer, Representative Eastern U.S.(from 9:10 AM on); Aaron Fowler, Representative Midwestern U.S.; Daniel Boling, Representative Western U.S.

AGENDA

1. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP GATHERING (aka RETREAT): Ken Whiteley suggested we consider The Ashokan Center near Kingston, NY for our next membership gathering to reach out for members who may be more likely to come to an event in New York than one in Tennessee. After some discussion we decided to try for May 4, 5, 6, 2015 dates. We would also plan to hold an Executive Board meeting. We would budget to have our co-office managers attend. Steve Eulberg has volunteered to be the point person for this event.
2. MINUTES: The minutes from the April 10, 2014 Executive Board Meeting on SKYPE were approved as presented.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Profit & Loss report and the Balance Sheet for the year-to-date ending May 19, 2014 have been posted to Dropbox. Schultheis & Panettieri, LLC accountants have completed a Draft 990 tax form and prepared a proposed Chart of Accounts for QuickBooks. Scott Berwick and Charlie Pilzer will meet with the accountants at 1 PM on June 9 at the Local 1000 Office in NYC to review these and evaluate our tax liability for the years that our not-for-profit status was revoked.
4. HIGHLANDER RETREAT: Charlie Pilzer volunteered to write up the Task List resulting from our workshops at the Highlander Center.
5. L1K WEB SITE AND APP DEVELOPMENT: What specifically do we want the app to do? Tret Fure will contact Austin Nash and Sandy Andina. Charlie Pilzer will work on it too.
6. DROPBOX: Debra Cowan and Co-Office Manager Richard Coombs cleaned out old and obsolete files from the L1K Dropbox.
7. FOLK ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL: President Fure indicated that one member has expressed concern that the FAI annual conference has turned into a Pay for Play audition club. Another member was concerned that some artists were paid for services at the accompanying music camp and some were not paid for their services. These may be issues that Local 1000 should investigate and for which we should develop a policy. Charlie Pilzer thought we should consider whether we should participate at FAI National and whether we should buy a table. One question to consider is whether FAI is a trade organization and who it truly represents? Also, should FAI have a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Music Camp? Is FAI a valuable Booking Opportunity? We plan to consider these issues at our Executive Board retreat in October.

Meanwhile, President Fure will write a welcoming letter to Aengus Finnan as new Executive Director of FAI.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM on a motion by Debra Cowan.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Berwick,
Secretary-Treasurer