

HLAA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2018

Members Present: Gail Morrison, Joyce Bowlby, Craig Bowlby, Ilga Dravnieks, Van Von Burg, Ken Saw, Maxine Barton- Bauman, and Linda DeGuire.

Board Meeting started at 12:04 PM. Craig Bowlby set up 4 new table microphones and explained how to use them. Loop did not seem to work.

Minutes of December Board meeting: Corrections were made on March Board Meeting minutes. Plan: Secretary to email today's minutes to above members present.

Treasurer's Report: A check was received from Betty Evans, daughter of Ray Blue who was a former member of our chapter. It was for \$1,000 to cover the D & O insurance expense. No questions on Treasurer's Report.

President's Report: Gail announced that Katie Wright will become the chairman of HAT as well as the Membership Committee, Outreach Committee, and do the Informer. The following members will chair the following committees:

Linda DeGuire - Lip Reading Committee

Ram Kakkar (?) - Looping Committee

Gail Morrison - Program and Publicity Committee

Adela Praderas - Refreshments

Vice President's Report: Joyce Bowlby stated that due to a shortage of leaders to help with running chapter meetings, the new Board met to discuss reorganizing the various tasks of managing the chapter meetings. Joyce, as Vice President, will help coordinate the meetings so that they run smoothly.

The new Board also initiated discussion of the chapter programs for next year to promote increased attendance and achieve the goals of HLAA in general. Plan: New Board will implement reorganized chapter meeting tasks, and further discuss programs for next year to present to the Board in the future.

Corresponding Secretary: Van reported he received new postcards and is up to date on Correspondence.

Committees:

Publicity and Programs:

Gail noted all the present programs set up to October 2018, New Board is in process of reassessing and planning the programs for next year. Plan: At a later Board meeting, the Board will present proposed programs for the next year.

Nominating Committee:

Election has taken place. This committee is dissolved until next January.

Walk4Hearing:

Ilga reported that Initial online problems with donations has been resolved. Plan: Continue to support donations to Walk 4Hearing in June.

HAT: Katie Wright could not be present due to a speaking engagement. Ilga reported poor attendance at the last HAT demo. Last HAT demo will be in May for the present year. Katie and Ilga plan to meet over the summer on HAT issues. Switching HAT demo to the second Saturday of the month (on the same week of the chapter meeting) was discussed. Need to check if the second Saturday of the month is available. Plan: Check with Weingart Senior Center on availability of second Saturdays for HAT.

Lip Reading Classes:

Linda DeGuire updated the Board on the Wednesday classes. It is full, but can accommodate a few more people. The semester will finish in May.

It was reported that the Monday class still meets with 5 regular members and ends in May. Also, the Board was alerted that the room for the Monday Class may not be available next year. Plan: Assess over the summer whether both instructors will continue to teach classes next year. Check on the availability of the rooms.

Loop/ALDs:

Ram Kakkar reports success in getting the Cerritos City Hall looped. No current information on the progress in Long Beach City Hall. Craig Bowlby reported that a letter was given to Sabrina at the Weingart Senior Center for permission to loop the main meeting room. Plan: Await approval for looping the main room in the Senior Center. Wait for news on looping for Long Beach City Hall.

Membership:

Ilga related that she had a membership roster in her computer which she sent to Katie. Roster should be updated by now. Fundraising was brought up. It was reported that Boeing had changed the rules for grants. Should we not be able to get a grant from Boeing in the future, our main fundraiser is Walk4Hearing. Boeing Grant covers the \$1500 cost of captioning for our chapter meetings. Plan: Research other sources of grant money to fund captioning and other expenses of the chapter. Continue to discuss ways and means to raise funds for our chapter.

Outreach Committee:

Gail and Katie visited the Low Vision and Hearing Club in Leisure World yesterday. They noted that ALDs were not charged and headphones were not available to use with the ALDs. Plan: Talk to John who is in charge of the Clubhouse 3 where they meet and advise him to charge the ALDs and obtain headphones to use with the ALDs.

Old Business:

Volunteer Recognition: This was done at the April chapter meeting as planned. Plan: No further action needed at this time.

Taxes: Federal taxes have been submitted. Craig to submit taxes for California. Plan: As noted.

2018 Budget: 2018 budget was done in October and sent to National HLAA. Plan: no further action needed.

2018 Calendar: Calendar to be deferred to the new Board in May.

Website:

Ilga reported that she finished updating the website and it is now working and accurate. Plans are being made to expand it in the future with the help from someone from another chapter(?). Content on the website was discussed to include the Informer, monthly program news, and other pertinent information. Plan: Keep updating as planned.

Table Microphones: Craig set up the table microphones on loan from Hearing Now USA. Generally, there was a favorable response to the table microphones over passing around a wireless microphone at the end of the meeting. Plan: Craig to find out the cost of the microphones and report back to the Board.

Audio System: See Looping main room at Weingart Senior Center. ALDs are working fine. Testing the batteries are necessary before the meeting in order to replace dead batteries. Plan: No further action on the FM system (ALDS). Pursue looping main room as planned.

New Business:

June Board Meeting: Gail related that several members will be out of town during June and suggested that the June Board meeting be cancelled. Discussion resulted in agreement that the June Board meeting be cancelled. Plan: Cancel as planned.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:28 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bowlby
Vice President substituting for Katie Wright, Recording Secretary