

American Council of the Blind Maine Board Meeting

December 1, 2022 | Location: Virtual

The meeting opened at 7:05 P.M.

Rollcall

McKenna, Leona – President - P

Frost, Amanda – Vice President - P [present, arrived around 7:23 P.M.]

Batson, Nathanael – Secretary - P

Peabody, Cheryl – Treasurer - P

Archer, Bruce – Chair - P

Bebbee, Carolyn - P

Fuller, Roger - P

McQuade, Joel - P

Sukeforth, Nichole - P

Porelle, Linda - E

Welcome New Board Members and Officers

- New board members:
 - Amanda Frost (Vice President)
 - Nichole Sukeforth
 - Linda Porelle
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Minutes from October 6, 2022

- The Board unanimously accepted the minutes from October as distributed
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Treasurer's Report

- Bruce motioned that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report

Discussion

- The ending balance as of November 30 is \$4,476.96
 - This includes the distributions money
 - The Ameriprise in January was \$191,174.30
 - o In October, it decreased to \$151,867
- The Board unanimously accepted the Treasurer's Report as distributed without any objections or abstentions

Tech Talk and Foundations Fighting Blindness (FFB)

- ACB Maine would like to host Tech Talk again
 - The Board would also like to give FFB a donation
 - The Board decided to table the discussion because of unanswered questions about remaining funds
 - Once the remaining balance is clarified, the Board will vote by email on how much to pay Steve Sawczyn for Tech Talk and the donation amount for FFB
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White Cane Awareness Walk

- There has been reconsideration by the Iris Network to host the White Cane Awareness Walk
- The Iris Network would like to work with organizations to help bring more people to the event with a stronger focus on awareness
- In order for the event to be successful, they will need to partner with groups who can “bring something to the table”

Other Information

- Committees:
 - Membership
 - Budget
 - Constitution & Bylaws
 - Legislation
 - Fundraising
 - Convention
 - Add On (e.g., White Cane Committee)
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Nominations

- ACB Maine needs someone to serve as Chairman of the Board
 - The Board of Directors unanimously elected Bruce Archer to serve as the Chairman of the Board
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- Bruce motioned to adjourn
 - The meeting closed at 8:11 P.M. without any objections or abstentions