ACBN Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm. Present were board members Mark, Chris, Jim, Dale and Barb. Also present were Janet Doulas and Becky Brennfoerder.

Approval of minutes: Jim read the minutes from the July 12 meeting. Janet moved their approval and Barb seconded. The motion carried.

Chapter Representative Reports: Barb reported that Omaha had a picnic for youth in October, the Christmas dinner was held at Gorat’s and elections were held in January. Chris reported Lincoln continued to be inactive. He also reported Give A Lift might also be bankrupt by the end of the year.

ACBN Website: Jim reported that Annette had completed accessibility challenges identified during the OpenAir competition as well as identified security vulnerabilities. The invoice submitted for her services totaled $2,700. Concern was expressed about our continued services with AnnetteFollowing discussion, Dale moved and Barb seconded to discontinue any further payments to Annette given financial constraints.

Treasurer’s Report: Dale reported a checking account balance of $1,783.33. The Bond Fund has a balance of $38,675.76 and 4,041.354 shares at $9.57 per.

990 update: Dale reported this would be complete by the May 15 deadline.

NCBVI Commission Update: Mark reported that the agency was facing a 1.6 million dollar deficit and that an order of selection in service delivery was being implemented. Omaha and Lincoln offices will remain open. All others point west will be closed and staff working from home and would probably be required to have more windshield time. An OIB Conference is taking place later in the year. And a budget hearing is scheduled for March 7.

ACBN Membership Certification with National ACB: Jim reported any membership updates had to be complete by March 15 with certification submitted by March 31. Payment is due by the end of April only when the Minneapolis area office confirms to each affiliate the amount of dues owed.

Nonprofit certification with Nebraska Secretary of State: This is due April 1.

2019 ACBN STATE Convention: Given budget constraints, Mark called the Ramada Columbus Convention Center to ask about suspending the hotel contract. Joy reviewed the contract and indicated the contract could be cancelled with no fee. Dale moved and Barb seconded to terminate the contract if the hotel was still willing and look elsewhere to hold the state convention Arbor Day weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jirak

Secretary