ACBN Executive Council Meeting

Teleconference 712-432-3447/251516

March 15, 2019 7:00pm

President Mark Bulger called the meeting to order at approx. 7:03pm. Present were board members Mark, Chris, Jim, and Barb. Sharon was the only guest in attendance.

The purpose for the call was to discuss a proposed budget to ensure fund availability for convention expenses. Mark had indicated he did some research after the last call and learned that southwest had a non-stop flight for an approximate cost of $305. He is also estimating $95 to $100 to get Claire to and from DCA. Jim is also planning, pending hotel availability, to use his World of Hyatt points to cover lodging at the Hyatt Place in downtown Omaha. Barb moved to set-aside $500 in travel expenses to cover Claire’s trip. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed. And as a reminder, the approximate meal cost per person from Hy-Vee catering is between $27 and $30. Jim indicated Annette is working on online registration and should have it complete by the end of business tomorrow. Even though the board voted to sever a working relationship with her, we still need to compensate her for the provided services.

Recognizing there are still modifications to be made, the tentative program agenda is as follows:

8:15am Registration
9:00am Welcome, opening remarks, pledge and ACB song
9:15am Legislative update: Claire Stanley
9:50am Working as a Blind Vendor. Jim Jirak

10:00am ACB National Update:  Dan Spoone

10:35am Break
10:50am Working as a blind Person: Tracy Grothe

11:05am Mentoring: Shane Buresh
11:35am Raising Awareness and Funds for blindness: Tyler Juranek
11:45am Ski for Light:  Warren Bennett
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm Working as a blind person.  Chris Brennfoerder
1:10pm Technology for Blind People: Nancy Coffman
1:45pm Working as a blind person: Becca Lou
1:55pm NCBVI Update: Carlos Servan
2:30pm Break
2:45pm Working from home.  Tyler Juranek
2:55pm Friends of the Commission:  Robert Newman
3:20pm Working as a blind person:  Claire Stanley
3:35pm ACB Commissioner Designee Report: Mark Bulger
3:45pm Break
4:00pm ACBN Business Meeting
5:00pm Social time & Team Building exercise
6:00pm Banquet
6:30pm Keynote Speaker:  Claire Stanley “We are in this together, making it better for the blind”

The meeting adjourned at approx. 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jirak

Secretary