American Council of the Blind of Nebraska

May 12, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Kristal Platt at 7:41pm

**Role call**: Board Members in attendance

President - Kristal Platt, Vice president- Katie Larson, Recording Secretary- Iris Reyes, Treasurer - Dale Oviatt, Corresponding Secretary-Francie Rebolloso, and Lincoln Chapter Representative-Chris Brennfoerder

**Absent: Amber Steet**

**Guests:** Patty Schonlau, Mark Bulger, Becky Brennfoerder, and Jim Jirak

**Approval** of Secretary’s Minutes: The secretary’s minutes were approved with one correction, of April 26 as the AI Workshop not April 25. Chris moved to accept the Secretary’s Minute; Francie seconded. Motion Passed.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Report - checking $15380.92

Investments 4,335.02 shares $7.39 end of business today

Chris moved acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Katie seconded. Motion passed

Pay pending Liability bills $1200

Chris moved to accept, and Francie seconded.

**Constitution & Bylaws, logos and Motto Discussion**

Kristal and Iris will review and forward the AI-generated summary from the discussion to the Board.

**Committee Reports**

**Convention Committee**: Upcoming event at the Holiday Inn downtown reservation and contract was signed with a room block set up and a deposit of $500 to be paid by June 1st, The numbers of rooms reserved were discussed, with a final count to be determined.

**Constitution committee**

Implementation of new aspects of the Constitution, elimination of the corresponding Secretary after Francie leaves next year and the addition of a non-discriminatory clause. Not all new proposals were voted on. There was discussion to hold another Constitution Convention in January. Ultimately, Nov 15 was chosen to include a logo decision.

Katie moved to accept, and Jim seconded. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee by Dale**

Need to do something different with the bond fund although there is great uncertainty with the stock market.

**Fundraising Committee submitted by Amber**

Pampered Chef is ongoing and Kristal will speak to consultant.

Brenda Dillon walk link is active and also can be found on home page of Nebraska website.

**Membership Committee Katie and Kristal**

Plans were discussed about the upcoming Silver Summit, including recommending 5 memberships and 5 spots for people to attend the State Convention as door prizes for 50th anniversary

Katie moved to accept the motion, Jim seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Committee volunteering to have a picnic in Lincoln. Mark will meet people from Lincoln and will promote it when he is in the Silver Summit.

Consider June 21 for the ACBN picnic in Lincoln.

Directory (name, phone, and email) mark and Katie can get It completed by the end of summer. Mark is suggesting to put information in user friendly ,different format with titles and have it in Braille. Dale suggested directory should only include name and phone number.

Update to Board eblast: Add Committee Chairs and Chapter Presidents.

**Miscellaneous**

Legal paperwork – discussed to review legal paperwork after Memorial Day. May 31 and time was set for 10:00am, available via Zoom and in person. Chris Brennfoerder Dale , Jim, and Patti and Mark as new ones Katie is welcome to come

Nov 15, a reminder could be sent by September 15 to have amendment by Oct 15. Jim will work on wording.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm. Dale moved acceptance and Chris seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Reyes  
Secretary