MCJA Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

09.28.23

Present:

Cory Haberman

George Burress

Matt Matusiak

Mike Vecchio

Audrey Hickert

Catherine Pape

Eric Cooke

David White

Dena Carson

Jen Peck

Cory PowerPoint overview for tomorrow’s business meeting:

* Membership is up and finances are good
* Announcements are geared toward previous board
* Projector cash will be used for awards and tips
  + Note that tracking/auditing is limited due to being out of account
* Hotel committee has 2 proposals pending
  + Aloft Chicago Magnificent Mile & Hilton Garden Inn-Chicago (current hotel) – final contract will determine location
  + Soliciting bids for better room rates and space to grow
* Student scholarship Committee (Bill King, Julie Hibdon, Mark Elcock, Lori Brusman Lovins)
  + Have draft policy to discuss at business meeting tomorrow
  + It will be a constitutional amendment, so soliciting feedback at business meeting
  + Scholarship for presenting students (paper or poster; not non-presenting author)
  + Proposal language for role of executive board
  + Proposal language for specific account so donations for scholarship can be kept separate for MCJA general funds
  + Qualtrics vote with everyone having their own link – need 2/3 of membership voting if online; however, if vote in person, then just need 2/3 of people present
    - Could do vote at ACJS? Possible, if membership is given 90 days to review in advance. Matt will check constitution.
  + Need to make scholarship such that it isn’t taxed for recipients.
  + Is this going to be a named scholarship? Different ideas floated, like person who donates can have information on named scholar that is person they wanted to honor. We can also discuss this in future year(s).
* Treasurer’s report – numbers from Matt
  + 157 active members – about evenly split between those expiring this month and those expiring in one year
  + Approx. 70-75% regular members; remainder student
  + “clear” membership list started 2020; info on who should receive journal; who needs to renew, etc.
  + Student membership grown 30% this year!
  + 2023 conference attendance; increase in pre-registration and students; few folks register as members but not active members; 70 institutions/agencies represented
  + A.J. Myer will present the portion of treasurers report on US Bank account
    - Need to maintain average of $50K in account for tax status
* Journal Report – George Burruss
  + Standard reports and special issues upcoming
  + Jen Peck incoming editor
* Anthony Peguero ACJS President planning to attend business meeting, will give him some time
* AWARDS
  + Student posters/papers
  + Practitioner Award – Rosilyn Temple is recipient & will speak to her work
  + Nominations request
* Election Results

NEW BUSINESS ideas to add to business meeting tomorrow – Dena will handle at business meeting:

* Constitutional amendment to change from having 2 persons for each role vs. proceeding with 1 since we have a small membership, and it is onerous to fill multiple ballot slots
* Constitutional amendment to change language from 2/3 of active members to some other threshold since it is also challenging to get that high of participation online for Qualtrics voting (also spam issues when sending directly from Qualtrics; mail merge option)

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