

VTAA Board of Directors meeting
Friday February 16, 2024, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Present: President - Catherine Lumenello, Vice President - Montana Burns, Treasurer - Mitya Schoppe, Board Director - Deirdre Kelley, Board Director - Greg Soll

Absent: Director - Scott Moylan

1. Meeting minutes: December & January 2024

- December minutes reached approval between last BOD meeting, and via email.
- After brief discussion of January minutes, meeting minutes approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Mitya will shred old VTAA papers in a free shredding event in May.
- Balance of roughly \$300 is still not accounted for from the annual meeting, she will get bank statements from TD bank to reconcile and balance the new account with Community Bank.
- Quick books software is purchased at \$30 a month, hopefully this will be integrated with the website with Beth.
- Mitya payed Mac Dragon for the updated website work
- Mitya received checks from new Community Bank account, Greg will shred checks he received with a spelling error on them.
- We will have electronic records and not mailed statements.
- Tax 2023 filed by Diana Bracley
- TD account is officially closed and we are now members of Community Bank. Mitya and Catherine are the signatories for this account.

3. State House Appearance

- Card table day at the state house was Tuesday, Feb. 5 2024. BOD Members present: Catherine, Deirdre; other members: Molly Fleming, Kirk White, Kerry Boyle, and Jonathan Fleming (is he a member??). Julie Suarez Cormier also helped in creating talking points.
- Rep. Tristen Roberts from Halifax is in the Corrections Committee and expressed interest in collaborating with VTAA to get acupuncture support in prisons for opioid withdrawal and self-care.
- Follow-up email threads are lively and hopefully will lead to some collaborations.
- Julie and Kerry are excited about insurance coverage and the VTAA supports their efforts.
- Deirdre and Greg to keep connected with Julie about the pilot program she has going in Burlington, offer support as needed.

4. ASA representation

- Catherine finished the paperwork and is the new ASA rep, with Li as alternate.
- Meetings are once a month at 8 pm. Catherine is not able to make these times, wondering if anyone else is interested.
- Annual Meeting is in April in Washington DC. Catherine is not sure they can attend, and will send info to Greg.

5. ECI member concern: open BOD meetings

- Bylaw check: meetings are already considered “open” - anyone can ask to attend. BOD can always go into Executive Session for sensitive matters.
- Catherine to email the membership about this info, along with reminder about the open Secretary position.

6. General updates

- Ads: Greg updated us about the Front Porch Forum pricing for advertising. Discussion included possibility of asking members to do FPF ads (four free per year for individuals) with link to VTAA included. Consensus is to continue to gather information prior to the new website release.
- PO Box / Mail: check ins with Greg, Deirdre, and Mitya about current mail status.
- Catherine will start an email thread to discuss other priorities brought up by the membership at the November (annual) meeting, including CEU's, next annual meeting date, etc.

Respectfully submitted by Deirdre Kelley

Next meeting scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2024 @ 12:30-1:30 pm