

12/8/23 VTAA Board of Directors meeting.

Present: President – Catherine ‘Captain’ Lumenello, Vice President - Montana Burns, Treasurer - Mitya Schoppe, Directors - Greg Soll, R. Scott Moylan

Absent: Director - Deirdre Kelley

**PO Box discussion:** We discussed a more efficient way to gather the VTAA mail.

Decision: Greg will reach out to member Diana Vachon to pick up the mail as she lives much closer and can give the mail to Greg at mutual location. Greg will look into forwarding the mail to Mitya, who then can receive mail necessary for the treasurer’s position.

**Discussion of Disciplinary action of a non-member licensed acupuncturist:** We reviewed the details of the suspension of a non-member licensed acupuncturist. *(no decision needed)*

**ASA Representative talk:** Currently, Member Li Ming Tseng is the primary rep. for VTAA, and Deirdre was serving as Alternate Rep.

Decision: Catherine will step up to be the alternate and ask Li to stay on as primary, with the goal of taking over the primary role in 6 – 12 months. Greg will see if he can step up to alternate at that time. If Greg cannot, the BOD will assign an alternate.

**Finishing Flood Assistance:** The VTAA gifted two members a 1-year membership each to assist due to damages caused by the flooding this past summer. One of the members has already received notice of this and has had their 2023 - 2024 membership covered.

Decision: Montana will reach out to the second member to arrange this sponsorship for their next renewal (in spring/summer 2024). Mitya will investigate how VTAA needs to properly document for tax purposes.

**Discussion of Past Minutes and Minutes Moving Forward:** Some minutes are missing from the VTAA website. Misty has provided many of these, and Montana is reviewing them.

Decision: Catherine will reach out to Deirdre for the remaining minutes. Montana and Catherine will get these to Beth for the website. Catherine requested that minutes be distributed to the Board of Directors within 7 days after a meeting. We all agreed that moving forward we would make that attempt.

**Review of Annual Meeting:** We reviewed the meeting minutes with minor changes. A motion was made to ratify the annual meeting minutes by Mitya and seconded by Montana. Motion passed unanimously, Greg abstained due to not having been to the annual meeting.

**Advertising and Marketing:** We discussed other options beyond the VPR ad previously discussed.

Decision: Greg will reach out to Front Porch Forum for information gathering.

**Website:** Discussion of how to make the current website more current, even with the constraints Beth (our volunteer webmaster) has indicated.

Decision: All BOD members will send current headshot / photo of choice to Montana. Catherine will confirm with Beth that we can add bios (example sent in agenda email), and requested these get done in the next 2 – 4 weeks (prior to January meeting).

**Discussion on Anti-oppression Statement:** The board expressed concerns over some member's displeasure for using pronouns at the annual meeting. The board decided that it would be a good idea to remind people of the anti-oppression statement and the Code of Conduct. There was a proposal of having a mandatory box to check when renewing and signing up for VTAA membership. The box would be an acknowledgement that the member has read the anti-oppression statement.

Decision: Catherine will talk to Beth about the possibility of implementing the change with the current / upcoming website.

**Past Member Reach Out:** The board identified a few members that have been very active in the community that have not renewed their membership.

Decision: Members of the board will reach out to encourage their return to the organization.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Mitya asked if she could purge records older than the statute of limitations allows in order to more effectively and efficiently serve the VTAA as treasurer. The board agreed this was a good idea. Montana made the motion to allow Mitya to only keep current and what is legally mandatory for the organization. Greg seconded it. It passed unanimously.
- Change of Banks: Mitya found 2 good options for the VTAA banking needs. Mascoma and Community bank. Both were excellent for small business and all the VTAA's needs. Montana made the motion to allow Mitya to move the VTAA banking to one of her choosing. Greg seconded it.

The next meeting will be January 12, at 12:30pm.

Submitted respectfully by R. Scott Moylan, DACM