

MO AHEAD

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND DISABILITY

Annual Members' Meeting May 31, 2019

Board Members Present: Justin Lozano (Interim P), Heather Stout (PastP), Becca Terry (Interim VP/T), Theresa Smythe (S), Sneh Kothari Kiss (Website/Communication Committee Chair)

Members present: All members in attendance for the conference that day were present for this meeting.

Agenda Topics:

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the May 2018 Members meeting were shared with the members in attendance. Minutes were approved by the Board prior to the meeting and there were no member objections.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** Becca Terry provided a Historical Perspective of the budget from years 2014-2018 and 2019 thus far. The current budget balance was reported to be \$10,089.88. This balance includes Conference revenues but not Conference expenses. She estimated that after Conference expenses are paid there should remaining balance of at least \$3000.
- 4) **President's Report:** Justin introduced the Board and Conference Committee. He thanked Kristeena LaRoue for her work obtaining sponsors for the conference and recognized those sponsors. He asked the MO AHEAD members to forward to him any potential sponsors for next year's conference. He thanked our cohosts, Web Accessibility Summit. He also thanked Missouri State University for allowing us a wonderful conference venue. He recognized several first time MO AHEAD conference attendees and welcomed all of the returning members.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. None
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a. TOPIC: Executive Board positions – The reasons for current interim positions to replace resigned posts were explained. Justin invited the members to consider nominations for 2-year terms for: Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Several members completed nomination cards. Justin will keep the membership posted on election procedures via the MO AHEAD list serve.
 - b. TOPIC: Zoom meetings – MO AHEAD Board members would like to try to hold several online discussion meetings as a way for institutions to share ideas and challenges. The membership generated the following list of topics:
 - Partnerships: VR; Faculty; Deaf Services and Interpreting Services; Student Affairs Staff
 - Issues: Quality and equity; Intersectionality; Future of disability services
 - Advice from past practitioners
 - Accommodations: Note taking; memory aids; absence policy
 - OCR updates
 - c. TOPIC: 2019 Conference Dates – The membership agreed that a 2-day conference is preferable. The membership agreed on the following 2019 dates and asked for a Save-the-Date email and/or letter:
 - **Thursday/Friday, MAY 28/29, 2019**
 - Theresa Smythe and Sneh Kothari Kiss will explore the possibility of holding the in St. Louis, possibly St. Louis Community College.

Meeting concluded by 1:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa O. Smythe
Secretary, MO AHEAD Executive Board