

# Missouri Association on Higher Education and Disability

## Executive Board Meeting

### February 4, 2020

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Present: Justin Lozano (Interim President), Heather Stout (Past President), Kristeena LaRoue (Treasurer), Theresa Smythe (Secretary), Sneha Kothari Kiss (Website/Communication Committee Chair)

Absent: Becca Terry (Interim Vice President)

The meeting was held online and came to order at 2:00 p.m.

Topic of Discussion:

- 1) Minutes of the September and October 2019 Executive Board meetings were approved.
- 2) Secretary's Report: Per the October meeting, Theresa Smythe drafted language for an amendment to the MO AHEAD Bylaws. The following change was recommended to put before the membership at the May Members' Meeting (change in all caps/red):

#### **Article IV. MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Section 1. Types of Memberships**

Membership in MO AHEAD will be of five types:

- Professional/Associate Professional
- Student/Pre-Professional
- Emeritus
- Non-Profit Partner
- Profit Partner

#### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NONTRANSFERABLE**

The Executive Board agreed to put this before the membership on the listserv 45 days prior to the Members' meeting.

- 3) Treasurer's Report: Becca Terry sent the Board the balance of the MO AHEAD Budget which is currently \$4535 with no current outstanding bills. There was discussion of future fees and charges, such as AHEAD Affiliate fee and insurance and website maintenance fee.
- 4) Conference Planning: The Board concluded its executive meeting at 2:30 and spent the remainder of the scheduled time discussing the May Conference to be hosted by St. Louis Community College – South County. Carol Funckes has been identified as the keynote speaker who is open to staying for the entire 2-day conference. Claire Fitzgerald will also return and provide 3 hours of presentation/Q&A time. Faculty panel members have been identified and from several St. Louis area colleges/universities. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will provide a presentation and/or a Q&A table. Several other conference presenters have been solicited and accepted and a schedule is forthcoming. There are several possible sponsors, with two for certain. Food and set-up are in the works.

Justin Lozano brought up a concern about the Corona Virus and the possibility that we may need to cancel or postpone should the virus become problematic. The planning group agreed to be mindful of that possibility and to consider an online virtual conference if it seems to be needed.

Executive Board meeting concluded at 2:45 p.m. Future meetings will be conference planning only. Next scheduled MO AHEAD Executive Board meeting to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Smythe  
MO AHEAD Secretary

