

NAA BOG
September 15, 2017

Phone conference call (to replace meeting at Miami FEC precluded by Hurricane Irma)

President's Comments (Kathy Miller): Kathy expressed her regrets about the need to cancel the Miami meeting and to miss out on seeing each other. Addressed formation of Bloch Committee on Annual Meetings (and FECs) to make meetings more attractive, especially to guests. Will solicit membership input. To report no later than Vancouver Meeting. Meetings booked through 2019 FEC, with contractual obligations and room guarantees for certain nights, banquets, etc. New ideas can't take effect until 2020; Walt will await entering into any future contracts until after the Bloch Committee reports and BOG acts. Betsy: Committee should separate short- and long-term ideas if there are things that can be implemented earlier.

Walt: Cancellation of Miami FEC. Didn't suffer any penalty by cancellation from hotel or restaurant for President's dinner. Deposit money returned or being returned. Will refund to members for registration fees and President's dinner. Quicker if paid by credit card. Refunds will start in next week.

Consent Agenda: No report from Michele on advocates training meeting because NAA arranged with Lancaster House to do training for advocates the day before the NAA meeting in Vancouver. Will be \$375 U.S. Lancaster will do substantial nationwide advertising for program, and Michele and Susan Stewart will be liaison with Lancaster. NAA members will be included as trainers.

Legal Representation Fund: Two claims arose after the report made. One paid; one just initiated, a subpoena for documents filed by a pro se.

Consent agenda approved.

Executive Committee Actions: All items approved – Ponak survey proposal; 2017 FEC registration fee structure; signing authority for 2019 FEC in Savannah two members to be inducted in Miami extended membership privileges (required to pay dues and attend orientation in Vancouver or Austin). Fincher: REF likely to approve Ponak proposal for research on managing workload.

Savannah: Marriott in Savannah. \$198 rate. FEC 2019. Sept. 21, 22, 23. Friday-Sunday.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Report: Announced birth of Katie Griffin's son and her present maternity leave. Will work from home as able and when ready. Praised Suzanne Kelley for stepping up and assuming Katie's duties to keep organization on track.

605 members. Will go up by 2 with new members who were to be inducted in Miami. Attendance was not as good as hoped for Miami. Investment accounts are healthy for NAA, REF and LRF. Refunds from Miami expected soon. Limited expenses and revenue between now and end of calendar year. Members who have not paid dues; now 22 members have not paid; of those

20 would be full-paying members. A bit late in sending out final notice; only went out yesterday. Historically, most who get final notice will pay up, and will have \$100 late fee. If not, will have to come back to the Board to get Board order for suspension, and then members will have 30 additional days to pay.

2018 Budget: David Petersen will help with budget; Katie on maternity leave. Budget will be late. Will be presented later by e-mail.

2018 Annual Meeting, Vancouver: Betsy Wesman. Poster session will allow people to walk around and attend several sessions. Speakers talk for 15-20 minutes, then discussion. Can leave and go to the next session without being rude. David Lipsky will speak for the LERA session. Advisory Committee being helpful with good suggestions about speakers. An unused session from Miami can be used to fill in if a gap arises later. Walt: Law firms or others could sponsor some events, such as a cocktail party.

Arbitrationinfo.com: Going very well. Have recognized journalists who do well with letters of approval. Presented at ABA Dispute Resolution event; sponsored a reception afterwards. Recognized Jim Oakley for providing updates on developments in Canada.

Jeffrey Tener, Nominating Committee:

President-Elect: Ed Krinsky. VP for Second Term: William Marcotte & Betsy Wesman. New VPs: William McKee, Alan Symonette. BOG Members: Kathy Eisenmenger, Philip LaPorte, Randi Lovitt, Daniel Zeiser. Information sent by Ops Center as e-mail to membership.

President Miller thanked Jeff and the Committee for their work.

Randi Abramsky, Host Chair, Vancouver: President's dinner: Hawksworth, top rated, near hotel. \$105 Canadian; 25% less for U.S. Holds 64 people. Hotel has submitted contract to Walt. Entertainment: possibly Jazz trio and/or improv performance. Latter might be pricey, \$2500. About \$700-800 for a jazz trio; could add a singer for a show with the trio. Tennis and golf will be arranged. Tourism bureau will publicize conference and provide local event information. Customs and border issues will be publicized, arranging for materials to be sent to Canada and get through Customs.

Dan Nielsen, CPRG: Open issue is amendments to policies and procedures manual. Last amended when suspensions and expulsions added to bylaws. Bylaws said rules related to suspensions and expulsions had to be approved by BOG. Earlier procedures had been created by the CPRG, with notice to the BOG and Executive Committee. Alex Elson made comprehensive documents of policies and procedures and brought it to the BOG, with suspensions and expulsions information presented for approval and rest for notice, but no evidence than non-suspension and non-expulsion revisions need BOG approval or just notice. Does BOG want to approve changes to the policies and procedures (not related to suspensions and expulsions)? If so, that would be a change in practice. Petersen suggested that EC address issue first with recommendation to the BOG.

Sarah Kerr Garraty, Membership: 6 candidates considered. Admitted 4, deferred 1 for one year and one for 2 years. Recommended for Admission: William Hartsfield, Paul Roose, Jasbir Parmar, Christine Schmidt. Deferred because didn't have enough cases. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Report approved.

Other Business: New website promised, but not yet launched, close to launch now. Fincher asked if Bloch Committee will be similar to 2010 COMA Report. President Miller explained that the scope of the two committees are different, but the Bloch Committee will consider the COMA report. Fincher asked about any action on membership standards; President Miller explained that no action as of the BOG meeting.

Adjourned at 1:43 EDT.