

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Jan 14th 2022

Members Present: Jen Worley, Elan Mizrahi, Don Orkoskey, J.W. Ramp, Dave Prelosky, Adrie Rose,
Members Virtually attending: Cathy Kelly

1. Meeting called to order at 15:47
2. Jen Worley proposed updating the chapter's mission statement to:
To grow a vibrant, inclusive community of media professionals in the Pittsburgh region, to elevate the quality and value of our field for all creatives.
Vote was taken to approve mission statement update. In favor: 6, opposed: 0, abstained: 1
3. By-laws discussion
 - a. J.W. Ramp agreed to establish an online file storage system for the board to replace the existing system of binders.
 - b. Motion by Don Orkoskey to assign the secretary the task of receiving and answering emails directed to chapter through the email Pittsburgh@ASMP.org
Seconded by Adrie Rose
Vote conducted: In favor: 6, opposed: 0, abstained: 1
 - c. Motion by J.W. Ramp to add by-law requiring all commercial emails received through Pittsburgh@ASMP.org (those seeking referral for photography services/photographers) be replied to with directions to use the "find a photographer" feature on the national ASMP website.
Seconded by Adrie Rose
Vote conducted: In favor: unanimous
4. J.W. Ramp reported on the financial status of the chapter. We have a stable bank account balance of just over \$2,000.
5. Motion by Elan Mizrahi to review by-laws at regular board meetings
Seconded by Adrie Rose
Vote conducted: In favor: 6, opposed: 0, abstained: 1
6. Monthly Programing discussion

- a. BOD discussed and agreed unanimously to continue by-monthly public virtual programing through Zoom with one program to focus on educational or informative programing and one for general purpose networking.
 - b. A discussion and unanimous agreement was made to attempt to host one in person event per month with the format to vary.
 - i. Adrie Rose proposed and agreed to lead a search for local photo studios and other venues as hosts that would provide joint benefits for venues and the chapter.
 - c. Adrie Rose was nominated as Programing Chair as well as Communication and Social Media Chair by Jen Worley, seconded by Don Orkoskey, Adrie accepted and the board unanimously supported her chairpersonships.
7. Special event discussion was initiated by Jen Worley
- a. Dave Prelosky proposed and agreed to lead efforts to connecting with the Pittsburgh Culture Trust to reestablish a location for chapter members to exhibit during their gallery crawl events.
 - b. Adrie Rose proposed a joint event with Black Women Photographers that would benefit both organizations.
 - c. Elan Mizrahi proposed a portfolio review event similar to the 2021 review but possibly in conjunction with ASMP Chapters west of Pittsburgh such as NE Ohio, Ohio Valley, Michigan, and/or Chicago Midwest.
 - d. Cathy Kelly proposed the following event ideas:
 - i. A copyright seminar
 - ii. Fine art printing workshop
 - iii. Camera rep events (Nikon, Canon, Sony)
 - e. Elan Mizrahi proposed a pricing workshop similar to one that was conducted last year by a separate chapter.
8. The board agreed to regular monthly meetings for the foreseeable future.
9. J.W. Ramp agreed to create a survey for the general membership.
10. Feb 23rd was tentatively agreed to as the date for the next board meeting.
11. Motion by Adrie Rose to adjourn the board meeting.
12. Meeting adjourned at 17:54