Minutes  
ABANA Board Meeting  
August 7 and 14, 2019  

Meeting began at 8:03 pm EST  

Present: Leigh Morrell, Bill Robertson, Tom Owens, Scott Kretschmer, Jim Archambault, Lance Davis, Linda Tanner, Mark Kochan, Victor Plitt, Eddie Rainey, Bruce Jarrell, Carson Sams  
 Guests: Laura Armstrong, John Williams  
 Absent: none  

Jim Archambault moved to approve the minutes of the July board meeting as presented by the Secretary, it was seconded by Scott Kretschmer. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.  

Treasurer’s report:  Motion made by Jim A. to accept the financial statements and synopsis as presented by Tom Owens. Motion seconded by Mark K. All in favor, motion passed.  

Secretary’s report:  Bill Robertson made a recommendation to move forward with a motion to keep the CO contract the same with the exception that we separate out the duties of website maintenance / development, and all social media platforms. These duties would fall under a newly created contract position to be funded out of the Technology budget. I recommend the Finance Committee determine how to split the salaries from the current Central Office budget proportionate to the workloads.  

The board was in unanimous agreement to move forward and the Finance Committee agreed to draw up the contracts. A formal motion and vote were agreed to be withheld pending board approval of the final contract drafts and acceptance of the contracts by JoAnn and Frank.  

Old Business:  
- The Committee Chairs agreed to a September 15 deadline to submit committee budget projections through the end of the year and proposed budgets for fiscal year 2020 to be turned in to the Finance Committee.  
- The Chandler lawsuit has been dismissed.  
- BAM wishes to host the 2022 conference  

New Business:  

The board unanimously voted ratification of the new applicant presented by the affiliate committee, The NE Blacksmith Association as ABANA’s newest affiliate.  

Motion #19  
Mark Kochan moved to renew and extend the Affiliate Mini Grant program through December 31st 2020 with a cap of $3,000, first come first served. The motion was seconded by Jim Archambault. The vote was all in favor, the motion passed.  

Motion #20  
Bill Robertson moved provide Dan Nauman the opportunity to resign; should he decline to be terminated from both Publication contracts for cause. The motion was seconded by Lance Davis.  

The vote was suspended due to the late time and to allow further discussion, the meeting was recessed by President Leigh Morrell to reconvene Wednesday 14, 2019 at 8:00 pm EST  

August 14, 2019  
The meeting reconvened at 8:00 pm EST  

Present: Leigh Morrell, Bill Robertson, Tom Owens, Scott Kretschmer, Jim Archambault, Lance Davis, Linda Tanner, Mark Kochan, Victor Plitt, Eddie Rainey, Bruce Jarrell, Carson Sams  
 Guests: Laura Armstrong, John Williams  
 Absent: none  

Motion #20  
Bill Robertson moved to amend the motion to include the option of accepting an apology from Dan. The motion to read:
Dan will issue the following apology: I wish to apologize to Ellen Durkan, the Publications Committee, the ABANA Board its membership and the art community. My intentions were in the best interest of the Anvil's Ring publication but I was not following policy. By acting alone and not taking this issue (selective editing of submitted pictures) through the Publication Committee for peer review or allowing the ABANA board the opportunity to weigh in on my actions the ABANA organization is now being held accountable for my actions. I now recognize that the Publications Committee and the ABANA board by contract have final supervisory authority over its Publication's content and will be diligent in following policy in the future. Dan will agree that he will not discuss this issue publicly at any blacksmith gathering or on any social media platform until he is no longer employed as Editor, that the apology will be published to whatever formats the board dictates; he resigns; or he is terminated for cause. He would be given 24 hours to make a decision of only one of those options.

The motion was seconded by Lance Ducvis. A vote was taken; No's were: Scott K, Jim A., Eddie R., Bruce J., Mark K, Victor Plitt, Carson Sams, Aye's were Bill R., Tom O., Linda T., Lance D.
The motion failed.

Motion #21
Bruce moved to:
1. That it accept the acknowledgement to the board given by Dan: “Though my intentions were for the good of The Anvil's Ring readers, I was wrong and it was against ABANA policy, procedures and the bylaws to make decisions on my own.”
2. That it is agreed that Dan should continue as editor for the duration of his contract.
3. That the AR conference page containing Ms Durkan's demonstration details be published, with a board decision approving which images and text are used. Specifically, this approval address the top right image, the bottom right image, and the artist’s text, “My current “wearable series” started as stationary dress cages, complete with shoes. I place nude women in them as a performance, and then remove them in front of the crowd. This has guided me to my current (and growing) performance runway-like series: Forged Fashion.”
4. Dan is not to discuss the topic further in any public forum.

The motion was seconded by Jim Archambault
The vote was all in favor with the exception of one no by Lance Davis and one abstain by Eddie Rainey
The motion passed

Bill Robertson moved to add the following into the July Minutes:

Motion #18 rescinded: On July 7, 2019 (e-mail to the board) Linda Tanner questioned the validity of the boards authority to replace Brian LeGrands vacant seat with Bob Valentine. On July 8th Linda Tanner asked for a stay on the motion. Bill Robertson, Bylaws Chairman reported to the board that Linda had a valid objection and the policy as it reads on page 5 of the PPM would by necessity render Motion #18 as invalid. On July 16, 2018 Jim Archambault withdrew his motion #18.
The motion was seconded by Tom, All were in favor, the section will be added to the July minutes official records

Motion #22
Bill Robertson moves to adopt the following Procedures to fill a Board Vacancy:

1- The board shall give deference in filling vacancies with the valid applicants that were included on the immediate prior election cycle.

2- If there are more than two prior applicants and only one open position, an electronic ballot shall be sent out to the membership to select one.

3- If there are no prior applicants notice shall be made to the membership of a vacancy(s) on the board to solicit candidates. A deadline of 60 days shall be given to submit an application, and a 30 deadline shall be posted on the ballot.

4- Candidate statements shall be included on the ballot unless time permitting they were noticed in an ABANA publication 30 days prior to the ballot deadline.

5- The candidate who receives the most votes will fill (in order) the positions open with the longest time to serve.

The motion was seconded by Victor, All were in favor, the motion carried and will be added into the PPM

Motion #23
Jim Archambault moved for ABANA to purchase ten new electric forges to be taken from the iron-in-the-hat budget to be added to the conference trailer. There will be a cap of $1,000 paid per forge.
The motion was seconded by Mark Kochan. Some members had left the meeting. The Aye votes were Jim A., Bruce J., Scott K., Carson S., Linda Tanner and Bill R. One no vote was Lance Davis.
The motion carried
Motion # 24
Linda Tanner moved that we end the Bulk Membership Purchase Program.
It was seconded by Mark Kochan
All were in favor; Bill R., Jim A., Bruce J., Lance D., Linda T., Mark K., Carson S., Scott K.

Submitted by Bill Robertson
ABANA Secretary