

University Photographers' Association of America
Midyear Board Meeting Minutes
Utah Valley University
October 1, 2023

Glenn Carpenter, Moraine Valley Community College, Cydney Scott, Boston University, Nick Romanenko, Rutgers University, Mark Carriveau, Elgin Community College, Amanda Pitts, Grand Valley State University, Lyndsie Schlink, Wake Forest University, Jason Halley, California State University, Chico, Derek Eckenroth, Bob Jones University, Nate Edwards, Brigham Young University in attendance, Mark Carriveau recording.

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am.

Amanda makes a motion to accept the minutes from the Notre Dame symposium board meeting. Derek seconds the motion. Minutes accepted 8-0

Board Elections

The Board talked about officers' roles moving forward. Each board officer and committee chair will start documenting their duties over the next year with the intention of developing a manual to help future members who will be taking over these roles. Amanda will start the document and the rest of us will fill it in accordingly. Lyndsie suggests that the MIC Chair also document their duties as well. Derek says he will work with Jay to get this accomplished.

For the office of Treasurer, Amada Pitts nominated Cydney Scott and Lyndsie Schlink seconds. Board votes 8-0.

For the office of Vice-President, Cydney Scott nominates Amanda Pitts and Nick Romanenko seconds the motion, Board votes 8-0

For the office of Secretary Nick Romanenko nominated Mark Carriveau, Jason Halley seconds the motion, board votes 8-0

For the office of president Nick Romanenko nominated Glenn Carpenter and Cydney Scott seconds the motion. Board votes 6-2 with 2 Hell No's to pay homage to Bill Bitzinger.

Chair Appointments

Glenn states that he would still like Cydney Scott to keep the appointment of DEI Chair.

Lyndsie Schlink will remain as Membership Chair.

Amanda Pitts will remain as Corporate Partner Relations Chair.

Derek Eckenroth will remain as Web Chair.

Jason Halley will continue as Communications Chair and will also take on the duties of surveys.

Mark Carriveau will assume the responsibilities of Constitution and Bylaws Chair.

Amanda suggests that non-board member chairs should be added to the UPAA leadership page on the website.

Website Update

Glenn went over the new scoring module and Stripe, the new online payment system.

A web page will be added to the documents page for board minutes. Glenn suggests that we take the next year to consider adding an e-commerce component to the website. Derek suggests that we add email address to the board members page.

Blog-Contact Sheet

Matt Cashore submitted a written report. Glenn states that Matt has done an exceptional job with the blog and The Contact Sheet. Matt suggests that we move to an online magazine and we stop printing it. The board will survey the membership and see where they stand and make a decision based on their input.

Surveys

The usual surveys were done this year. Salary survey had the best response ever with 144 people responding. We also used it for board elections at the symposium. Symposium survey is already helpful for planning next year's symposium.

Membership

There are 250 full members, 23 associates, 38 students, 30 video, 10 life, 8 retired, 18 corporate, 377 total. There are many members that need to renew, and we will send an email to encourage them to renew.

Monthly Image Competition

The Category Description Committee has just started and we are gathering information from the committee.

Corporate Partner Relations

Not a lot to report. Amanda did send an email out to corporate partners just to keep in touch.

Constitution and Bylaws

A lot of changes this year. Nobody has heard any complaints.

Communications

Everything is fine. Jason is evaluating a newsletter type of communication to send out once a month instead of a massive amount of emails.

Confirmed Symposium Sites

2024 Utah Symposium- Utah Valley University/Brigham Young University

2025 University of Tennessee

Other possible future hosts

California State University- Chico, Jason will know by February.

Roger Hart- University of Michigan

Katherine Seghers- Louisiana State University

James Brosher- Indiana State University

Bob Bain- San Jose State University

Officer Reports

Secretary- None

Treasurer- Good financial standing. Glenn suggests that we drop our dropbox account since we never use it. Even after paying for the website we are still in good financial shape.

Vice President- None

President- Glenn thanks everyone for an amazing year. Biggest symposium ever and most corporate partners ever.

Video Producers

The Board talked about the pros and cons of having full-time video members.

Mark made a motion that we raise dues for full video members and Nick seconds. Then Jason makes a motion that we raise fulltime video members dues to \$100 and Nick seconds. Motion passes 8-0 The reason for the increase is for web development. Moving forward we will continue to provide video programming.

Awards

Adjournment

Cydney makes a motion to adjourn and Amanda seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.