

AAUPW Board Meeting

Thursday, 8 October 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Notes

Attendees

President – Dona Geyer
Vice-President – Shari Temple
Program Committee – Susan Voight, Donna Schlimm, Jane Straussguetl
Treasurer – Robin Coker
Membership Secretary – Elizabeth Soeder
Digital Communications Coordinator – Claudia Ziersch
IMMA Coordinator – Jane Scheiring
Book Club Coordinator – Patricia Biondo

Missing

Historian -- Dee Pattee
Book Club Coordinator –Carolyn Berger

Agenda in black. [Notes in blue.](#)

Topics:

1. Our New Zoom Reality
 - Video meetings until

 - All agreed that we cannot plan to meet this year
 - **DECISION:** Will hold Zoom meetings through rest of year and then decide quarter by quarter
 - **ACTION:** Notify Wassermann – Dona

 - Setting up a modis operandi for

 - Discussed who would be owner of Zoom setup
 - **DECISION:**
 - Board meetings – Dona Geyer
 - Monthly meetings – Elizabeth Soeder with Jane Scheiring as backup
 - Book Club – Pat Biondo
 - Program Committee meetings – Shari Temple
 - Discussed sending Zoom link in emails
 - **DECISION:** Include Zoom link in reminder emails
 - Discussed whether to have same link each month
 - **DECISION:** Wait until at least November to use same link
 - Discussed whether to record program speakers or not
 - **DECISION:** Will not record program meetings

 - Job Descriptions: how many are outstanding from old board

 - Claudia reported that no one had sent in their job descriptions

- ACTION: Remind all old board members to send in their updated job description from last year - Dona
- Inventory: banner, microphone, Apple cables, long beamer cable, cards
- Discussed where all our inventory is located
 - Banner – Claudia
 - Microphone – Kristy?
 - Cables – Ellen or Ruth?
 - Thank you cards – Dona
 - Business cards – Dona & Claudia
 - Envelopes - Claudia

2. Program Committee/Events

- October: Johan Otto, Current issues facing the US Judiciary
- November: Janet Day-Strehlow, Starting a new career at 50
- Program Committee gave update on plans
- October and November as reported in agenda
- January – Women in Medicine in the 1800's
- March – Inheritance laws impacting Americans in Germany
- Need ideas for February and April
- Token gifts for speakers?
- Discussed token gift for speakers
- DECISION: Will give upto €25 gift to speakers – up to program committee to decide what gift or gift card appropriate for speaker
- December: Holiday Party?
- Discussed our Annual Holiday Party
- DECISION: Will not hold in person but will have some festivity on our normal 3rd Wed. Program Committee to work on program.
- If in person allowed later, perhaps February, we can use JYM
- Discussed collecting IMMA presents
- DECISION: Will ask members to donate to special fund for this. Claudia and Jane will buy presents based on amount and IMMA's wish list.

3. Budget

- Robin gave update on our financial situation
- Paid €160 for Zoom account
- Bank now charging €4.90 per month
- Donated to IMMA in May
- Have ~€2000 in account

- 32 renewals so far
- No JYM scholarship for this year

4. Membership

- Elizabeth reported that per decision of last board that we will start recording attendance again
- Prize for member with best attendance
- ACTION: Send book club attendance to Elizabeth after each meeting – Patricia
- Discussed what to do about Evite list – duplicates membership list
- DECISION: Update at end of October with renewals and then put on hold until used again
- 2 new applicants

5. Communications

- Claudia asked that program committee send a photo with writeup – ideally 300x300 dpi

6. IMMA

- Jane reported that brunch planned for Sunday with 4 of us and upto 8 of them
- Looks like can start homework help soon
- Tina is not able to present to us via Zoom

7. Book Club

- Patricia gave date for book club and book (sorry didn't capture it)
- Needs to get ZOOM link

8. GNO: Suggestions for someone we could approach?

- Discussed need for GNO coordinator
- ACTION: Send ideas to Dona – ALL
- Discussed option to watch videos together as a GNO activity

9. Discussion Topics

- Electoral College video: requests for use by third parties
- Lots of discussion on how we might share the Electoral College
- DECISION: Will not put on our website but will see if Amerika Haus will put on their YouTube channel
- ACTION: Ask Amerika Haus if they are willing – Dona
- Honorary membership for former member (Jane Scheiring)

- Discussed request to be an honorary member so that she could still help with IMMA
- DECISION – will not make an honorary member
- ACTION – Inform her of the decision - Dona

- Closing AAUPW Facebook account (Claudia): no one monitoring

- Discussed shutting down our private FB group
- DECISION – ask those in the group if one is willing to monitor and if not, delete on Nov 7

- Project Ideas (Dona)
 - Women who have impressed us
 - Wiki resource center
 - Videos

- Discussed idea of having a project that we could use to pull us all together
- Dona shared her ideas
 - Each member select a woman that has impressed/inspired them and do a write. Compile the files and share.
 - Set up a Wiki-like resource area for members on things that could be helpful to know when living in Germany
- Jane suggested writing up Diaries of Corona – sharing our thoughts, feelings, and actions
- ACTION: Send Dona your thoughts on doing a project and any other project ideas within the next couple of day - ALL