



Arizona Senior Academy

ASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2021
By ZOOM

Members Present: Peter Backus, Bruce Wright, John Carruth, Chris Sheafe, Dan Angelo, Marcia Neugebauer, Maria Dabozy, Virginia Richardson, Bill McCourt, Gary Fenstermacher, Loran Dake, Tom Travis, Stan Davis, Susan Simmons

Not Present: Sabra Anderson

Guests:

Jennifer Broden, Margaret Scott, Vicki and Pat MitchellGrossman, Nancy Magee, Jim McSheehy, Robert Smith, Ann Ratcliff, Leah Hewitt, Sandra Holtzman, Jim and Mary Kay Johnson, Neil Kochenour, Sharon Stetz, Doug Poust, Kathleen Walsh, Nelson Hubbell, Deon Holt, Janet Barrett, Leslie Nitzberg, Dawna Peterson, Marissa Abromov, Martha Walport

1. Peter Backus, Chair of the ASA Board, called the meeting together at 9:35 a.m.

1. Approval of Feb., 2021 minutes: Approved unanimously

2. Dan Angelo: President. Transfer of leadership of the ASA Board.

Dan thanked Peter Backus for his extensive work for ASA as a member and then Chair of the Board. He then introduced Bruce Wright as candidate for the new ASA Board Chair. Approved Unanimously.

3. Virginia Richardson, ASA Secretary. Candidates for ASA Officers and ASA Board members:

1. ASA officers who are stepping down are Dan Angelo, Sabra Anderson and Marcia Neugebauer. The candidates being presented are:

Tom Travis, ASA President

Jennifer Burden, Treasurer

Maria Dobozy, Programs

All candidates were unanimously approved.

2. Three resident ASA Board members were recommended to replace resident Board members whose term is up. The candidates are:

Stan Davis

Bill McCourt

Susan Simmons

All candidates were approved unanimously.

4. Gary Fenstermacher, ASC President. Two resident and one external Board Members were presented as candidates for the ASC Board

Abigail Hagler, Resident member

Douglas Poust, Resident Member

Sheryl Lacasse, External Member

All candidates were approved unanimously

5. Fred Volkman: Thanked Dan Angelo for the work he did as President of Arizona Senior Academy: taking us through the pandemic; and introducing important changes such as the increase in size of the Great Room, and digitizing the presentations.

6. Program Reports:

A. Marcia Neugebauer: ASA Programming:

a. Live presentations are booked through the end of the year. Lectures are a hybrid, with live presentations with masks, and simultaneous ZOOM presentations. The audience is roughly 50% in-person, and 50% individual computers for ZOOM. In addition, if agreed to by presenters, the ZOOM lectures are turned into MP4 videos and are placed on the ASA website. Two-thirds of the lectures have been placed on the website.

b. There are no classes right now.

c. Field trips are being contemplated by Martha Walport for ASA, although several possibilities are charging for-person rather than group amounts for the field trips.

B. Leslie Nitzberg: Concerts:

a. Concerts are live with masks for members-only, with Follow-Up U-Tube presentations. It is difficult to capture the concerts in ZOOM presentations because the music quality of ZOOM recordings is not very good. The audience numbers for the concerts are between 30 and 60.

C. Bill McCourt: Administration.

a. Jim Johnson is doing marvelous work with the sound system in the Great Room; as well as all the video work for ZOOM and U-Tube.

b. In addition, McCourt is suggesting a need for a reserve study—one that could piggyback on the HOA's recent reserve study.

7. Gary Fenstermacher: Thanks to ASA Board Members

a. Fenstermacher pointed out that Marcia Neugebauer has been supporting and working in various capacities for ASA over 18 years. She has been Vice President, President, and Program Vice President. Her efforts have greatly enhanced the Academy, and we are grateful for her involvement in the work of ASA.

b. In addition, Fenstermacher also thanked Sabra Anderson for her excellent work as treasurer, and her many years supporting the ASA.

8. Comments from the Audience

One member provided an analysis of issues with ASA that should be dealt with quickly. He suggested that because of compulsory dues, the ASA has not attempted to add to its budget with outside support, there are questions about its 501c3 status because so much is developed for the members and not the public, and while there is a prohibition on political events, there were two speakers that presented political statements, and suggested that the ASA work more closely with OLLI for presentations.

A member addressed some of the comments made by the previous speaker.

Another member thanked the outgoing members of the Board and the Officers, and suggested that there is room for improvement.

9. Dan Angelo: Thanked the organization and the officers and Board members for serving the community; and thanked Peter Backus for his work first as member and then as Chair of the Board.

The meeting was closed at 10:50 a.m.

—Minutes presented by Virginia Richardson, ASA Secretary