

EPISCOPAL COMMUNICATORS

Annual Business Meeting
April 21, 2016
Hotel Eastlund, Portland OR

President Sarah Bartenstein called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and determined that there was a quorum.

Minutes of the 2015 annual meeting held at The Claggett Center, Adamstown MD, were approved as presented.

President's report – Sarah Bartenstein:

There are 255 active members, including 50 new members.

One hundred thirty-six people are registered for this conference with 66 from diocesan offices, 37 from Episcopal-related organizations and 33 from parishes.

The board voted on the following changes to by-laws: Adoption of a President-elect model. Removal of term limits a treasurer can serve. Sarah mentioned that there was some concern regarding the removal of term limits and she wanted to assure the membership that Episcopal Communicator accounts are audited regularly and that the board is currently working on creating a succession plan for the treasurer's position.

The board is discussing with some longtime EC members an Episcopal Communicators history project.

Acknowledgements: Sarah thanked the presiding bishop for being with us. She also thanked Polly Bond chair Russell Lawson and committee members Pat Hurley, Liz Bartenstein, Dan Murphy, Kim Fry and Mary Hamilton for their hard work. She also thanked the nominating committee including Treasurer Bill Slocumb and retiring board members Rebecca McDonald and JT Quanbeck, with special thanks to JT for being the conference host. Sarah also acknowledged the board members for their hard work to make the conference a success.

Special thanks to conference sponsors—Forward Movement, Episcopal Church Foundation, Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers, Equal Exchange, Kanuga, Integrity, and FORMA.

Voting—Sarah Bartenstein:

Sarah announced that voting is now open and ends at 3 p.m. on April 22, 2016. All active members should be voting for two board members and one president-elect. In addition, she also reminded everyone that there were two nominations from the floor. Active members (including those not present at the conference) should have received an email with a link for voting. New board members and the president-elect will be announced at the banquet on Friday evening.

Financial Report—Bill Slocumb:

Year end 2015

- Income \$96,400

- Expenses \$76,946
- Net Income \$19,462

Balance sheet:

- \$34,000 checking
- \$9,400 savings
- \$9,300 restricted savings (scholarships, awards)
- Net assets \$52,750—\$41,100 year-end actual. We are in better financial shape than in previous years.

Financial Highlights:

- Changed membership structure to one level \$75, which has helped to increase our membership income.
- Polly Bond awards program broke even.
- Conference costs broke even.
- Bill will be treasurer for the next two years.
- Membership continues to increase (currently at 255 including 50 new members).

Future Conference Announcement—Jason Merritt

- 2017 Conference—Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati Ohio, April 19-22, 2017.
- 2018 Conference—Kanuga, Hendersonville NC, dates TBD.

Final announcements:

- Offering from opening Eucharist went to Episcopal Communicators scholarship fund; offering from closing Eucharist will go to scholarships and Episcopal Relief and Development. Faith Rowald expressed thanks from ERD.
- There are extra conference bags on sale for \$10, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund.
- Reminder to fill out survey form that will be emailed to attendees at the end of the conference.

Meeting was adjourned shortly after 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Daniels