

# **ASTA MD/DC Board Meeting, November 13, 2016**

Home of Mark Pfannschmidt

Present: Matt Tifford, Julianna Chitwood, Jean Provine, Kris Sanz, Lya Stern, Alison Bazala Kim, Mark Pfannschmidt, Lenelle Morse, Sachi Murasugi, Sophie Chang

## **1. Treasurer's Report – Sachi Murasugi**

Our Year to Date Income is \$7,592 and Expenses are \$3,983 with an ending balance of \$20,957.

There will be more expensive items that happen later in the fiscal year. The biggest upcoming expense will be for the website. Matt Tifford is in discussion with someone who's cost will be about \$2000. With this website designer, we would own all of the content for the site as opposed to how it is currently.

## **2. Update on Volunteers**

Julianna Chitwood has been in contact with several newer members who are interested in getting involved and volunteering. She would like ideas for wish list items in order to connect new volunteers to those needs. One example is the desire to have a list of upcoming concerts in the Maryland/DC area that our members and their students could access. Lenelle Morse plus two new members will facilitate this list.

## **3. Budget Committee**

Our bylaws require a standing budget committee. The following positions will be represented; President, Treasurer, President-elect and Past President. They will consult about the budget for each program year.

## **4. Nominating Committee**

Our past practice has been to ask the general membership for nominations for President and Secretary/Treasurer. The President or President-elect then presents candidates to the nominating committee – Kris Sanz, Jean Provine, Lya Stern. After approval, the candidates are put to a general vote of the membership.

## **5. Bylaws Revision**

Article IV/Section 4 – Board of Directors

There was discussion about whether to fill the "industry liaison" requirement of the bylaws. Alison Bazala Kim will check on the wording legality. The board opinion was to change the wording of this part of the bylaws from "shall include" to "may include". Notice of the change will be sent to our membership in later mailings.

## **6. Dates for Postcard Mailings**

Our sponsors like the postcard exposure that they receive and the cards are helpful with advertising our events. Cellobration needs to go out 4 weeks in advance and ASTACAP should be 6 weeks in advance of the 2 exams. Studio Meetings will be on the cards.

### **7. Update on ASTACAP**

Lya Stern said that happily there are no big changes now. The overseeing of the events is back into the hands of the state chapters with only 2 requirements from the National office. A. Adjudicators must be ASTA members B. \$10 of the registration fee will go back to the National.

We also discussed any modifications we wanted to see with the scoring sheets. ASTACAP is another good venue for including new volunteers.

### **8. Time for Three Workshop with students- 2017-2018**

We have been approached by Potters to help along with SAGWA with a weekend workshop that Time for Three would do at the Takoma Park Potter's location. Lenelle Morse and Mark Pfannschmidt offered to connect with Potters about the goals and general organization of the weekend.

Adjourned at 9:15

Submitted by Lenelle Morse