

GBAC Board Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2021 via ZOOM

Attendees:

Pam House, Susette Mahaffey, Mike Petitt, Meade LeBlanc, Cindy Liening, Patty Trimmingham, Jo Monday, Ellen Gerloff, Janet Mason, Maureen Nolan-Wilde, Leann Criswell and Walter Meyer

Not present: Sponsor Julie Massey

Guests: Mohammed Nasrullah

This represents 92% of the voting members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Pam House at 1:00. She welcomed the board to the Zoom meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The November 2 minutes that had been emailed to the board members were offered for discussion. A motion was made by Susette and seconded by Walter to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The board discussed the remaining Exclusion Committee recommendations that were tabled last meeting.
 - a. Spotlight partner organizations: At the beginning of the year, during chapter chats and chapter meetings, there will be time to allow partner organizations 3-5 minutes to describe their projects and opportunities for members. Ideally, a calendar will be created to focus on the organizations when they have the greatest need for volunteers. This recommendation will be further defined and implemented by the President, who is in charge of chapter chats, the Vice President, who is in charge of chapter meetings, Leann and Jo.
 - b. Conduct a survey to solicit feedback about inclusivity: Leann will work with Julie on the mechanics of conducting the survey. Survey questions will be submitted to the Board for approval in January. The survey will be conducted early next year.
3. The December chapter meeting will take place on December 2. Susette will run the election.
4. The outdoor gathering will not take place in December, due to conflicts with other organizations and availability of the outdoor pavilion. It will be held in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The end of year review was conducted along with the committee reviews conducted earlier this year.
2. The Zoom team will change its focus in 2022. The team recommends that each committee rely on two of its own members to function as zoom coordinators to conduct their meetings, so that the zoom team members are not required to set up and facilitate each meeting. Additional training and documentation will be provided, and the zoom team will be available to assist during the transition. In addition, certain meetings, such as AT and Chapter meetings, which involve external speakers, potential hybrid set-up, and large numbers of participants, will require zoom team support for the foreseeable future.

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3. The January Day Away is a time for the board and committee chairs to review the prior year results and set goals for the upcoming year. Traditionally, the day has lasted from 8:30 a.m. to around 2 or 3 pm, and included breakfast and lunch. Susette mentioned that since the State Meeting will be held in Houston in 2022, the State Office will likely look to our chapter to help support the event, and discussion of that event should be included on the Day Away agenda. Mohammed mentioned that the meeting could probably be held at one of the conference rooms at the Multicultural Center. Cindy, Ellen and Pam will make plans for an in-person Day Away sometime in late January. The January board meeting will be held at the regularly scheduled date of January 4.

BOARD REPORTS

President (Pam House)

1. The annual state meeting had 691 attendees, of which 216 were in person. 44 of 48 chapters were represented. Attendance was about average for the year.
2. TMN Tuesdays will continue in 2022.
3. Be The Change will have a wrap up meeting.
4. The Carbide Office renaming dedication will be held on December 3.

Past President (Susette Mahaffey)

1. The election will be held during the December 2 chapter meeting.
2. Julie is contacting individuals who have received the Treasures of the Bay award, to request they attend the December chapter meeting.

Vice President (Mike Petitt)

1. Bling contest entries have been received.

Secretary (Meade LeBlanc)

1. Nothing to report.

Treasurer (Cindy Lienen)

1. Cindy presented the 2022 updated budget. The Nesting Island Clean Up By Kayak team requested an additional \$250 in order to purchase a camera that will be used to monitor nesting activity and beach erosion. Since the budget contains more expenses than income, a "Board Resolution" line item is needed to balance it. Pam made the motion, Ellen seconded it, and the 2022 updated budget was approved unanimously.
2. Cindy provided the financial report. A motion was made by Susette and seconded by Walter to approve the November financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership (Patty Trimigham)

1. 116 people have recertified this year, which is somewhat less than last year.
2. Volunteer hours are over 32,000, which is an increase over last year.
3. AT hours are less than last year, but many people stop tracking their AT hours once they reach the required number.
4. 12,000 activities have been logged.
5. Over 300 packets of pins have been mailed to members.

Volunteer Service (Jo Monday)

1. Nothing to report.

Advanced Training (Ellen Gerloff)

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1. In 2020, there were 30 AT offered, in 2021 there were 20.
2. In 2020, there were 42 hours of AT offered, in 2021 there were 25 hours.
3. 1150 attendees of AT in 2021.
4. Planning has started for 2022.

New Class (Janet Mason):

1. The new class meet and greet was held on November 18 at the extension office. 34 people attended and 16 applications have been turned in so far. The deadline for applications is December 6.
2. The volunteer luncheon will be on January 20.

Communication (Maureen Nolan-Wilde)

1. Maureen gave her final report and asked the board to support the new Communications Team contact, once that person has been named.

New Class Reps (Walter Meyer, Leann Criswell)

1. No reports

Sponsor (Julie Massey)

Julie was not in attendance.

Pam thanked Susette, Mike and Maureen for their service to the chapter.

The next board meeting will be January 4, 2022 at 1 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Meade LeBlanc