



MINUTES

August 31, 2017
Board Meeting

Attending: Javier Cedillo, Jim Knightwright, Tina LeGarde,
Jason Liggett, Mary Van Sickle
Absent: Ross Rowe, Mike Rennels, Ryan VanLanduyt

Chair Tina LeGarde called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

The minutes of the July 6, 2017 meeting were approved on motion from Jim K. and a second from Javier C. Jason L. abstained from the vote.

A Financial Report was provided by Jim Knightwright, Treasurer. Jim reported there is currently \$355.25 in the ACM MW savings account, \$913.25 in checking for a total of \$1,268.50. However, the \$400 payment to SPNN had not yet cleared, which will reduce the balance of available funds to \$868.50. Tina stated she will contact Bonnie Schumacher at SPNN to check on the status of the \$400 payment.

Tina asked for feedback regarding the previous month's ACM National Conference in Minneapolis. Board Members generally felt the conference was a success and found value in attending. Suggestions for future conferences included: adding smaller breakout sessions; "speed roundtables" (10 minute rotations between tables); and to record and distribute more of the conference content - general sessions, workshops, Hometown, etc. Board Members also discussed the advance workshop fee structure and were in favor of eliminating the separate cost for the advance workshops and supported an increased all conference registration to include the advance workshops.

Tina reported the ACM National Board elections had concluded. Mary V. explained that results had not been finalized due to the resignation of one of the newly elected board members. A special meeting of the ACM board is being organized to discuss how the vacated seat will be filled.

Tina reminded that the ACM National office has organized a Capitol Hill Day for November 8th in Washington DC. Those interested in participating should contact Mike Wassenaar, ACM President/CEO to sign up.

Tina reported the ACM MW Region Board elections had also concluded and welcomed Jason L and Ryan V as newly elected members to the ACM MW Region Board. Tina and Mary V were also re-elected. A final election report will be sent to the MW Region members by Ross Rowe, the election official. Election of officers will be conducted at the September meeting.

After some discussion regarding the content and timing of a member's survey, Tina asked everyone to review the annual meeting minutes (as a reference) and come up with 3-5 (or more) questions which might be included in a survey to members. The questions will then be reviewed at the Sept. board meeting. It was agreed to defer the establishment of committees until the survey results can be collected and evaluated.

The need for more activity and contributions to the ACM Midwest Region Website and Facebook page were discussed. Mary Knightwright had volunteered for the task and board members welcomed and agreed to accept her offer. Tina agreed to assist in developing some general guidelines.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Thurs, Sept 28, 2017 at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 on a motion from Javier C, and a second from Jason L.