

MIABS Student Division - Teleconference Minutes
April 19, 2020

Present:

- Victor
- Robert
- Yazmine
- Steven
- Jerusalem
- Dakota

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Committee Reports:

- There have been no committee meetings at all since our January meeting.
- The February and March teleconferences both did not have a quorum of members attending the teleconference, no business could be conducted.
- Yasmine: spoke about the Communications committee. She has not updated social media due to the pandemic, but there will be future updates coming.
- Most other committees will have a similar response. The pandemic shutdown and move to online schooling have made activities and meetings a challenge. We will continue to work to progress in the future.

Treasurer's Report:

- There is no treasurer's report today, simply an update from Robert.
- Victor has been unable to assume treasurer duties as he needs to sign on along with Jeff, who has been primarily out of state and was only available in Kalamazoo for one day, a day which Victor could not meet due to work.
- Robert: We did receive the check for Michigan Got Talent, our bank balance is now over \$1700, that check has been deposited. Jeff would have that exact information.

Secretary's Report:

- Meeting minutes for January went out on the list serve prior to this meeting.
- Discussion: Steven has never been suspended for dues and is a voting member. Discussion of his suspension at the January meeting was incorrect. His dues were actually paid shortly after convention. Point of clarification: Mike Powell stated that members who do not paid are classified as delinquent, but we cannot say they will not be on the board and they can still serve in an official role.
- Jerusalem motion to accept the minutes as written, Yasmine seconded. Motion passes.

Old Business:

- Midwest Seminar was cancelled. There is no rescheduling at this time. It may be cancelled completely if it cannot be held by July or so. Since refunds were processed, people will have to re-apply when a new seminar is scheduled. It is most likely to be next year at this point.
- NFB Scholarship: Victor and Robert applied from this Division, along with approximately 5 other entrants from Michigan. Scholarships are still awarded despite no physical convention. By May 15 the announcement should be made.

New Business:

- NFB National Convention in July was supposed to be in Houston. It is going virtual. National divisions will be doing fundraising, Robert does not know details as to how this will work. Details will be released soon. Keep your eyes peeled to the NABS or state list-serves to find out details of how we can raise funds and be involved.
- Michigan NFB State Board Meeting in June: supposed to be hosted by Kalamazoo, but we will likely be having a virtual Zoom or conference call meeting instead. Michigan is likely to have restrictions still in place by then.
- The Michigan NFB scholarship board was tasked to create a revised scholarship program, and the student division wanted to increase that to three scholarships instead of the current two. Our student division is to raise \$250 to help cover that third scholarship, with the Affiliate covering expenses. This year, we have already raised our \$250 to contribute to this requirement.
- The only other issue is that October is National Meet the Blind month, we are planning an event to introduce the community towards meeting blind students. Given that we don't have an outreach chair, we can discuss if we want to make that a fundraiser or if we just want it as an outreach, or a combination. This will be what committees can work on over the summer.

Next meeting: May 17, 2020, 7 PM ET

Meeting Adjourned: 7:26 PM