NFB of AZ Phoenix Chapter

Executive Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Conference Call Line: (712) 770-4856

Code: 614039 Pound

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

At 5:02 p.m., President Brad Kuhn called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

All seven Board members were present.

It was noted that, while NFBA Phoenix Chapter Board Meetings are generally opened to all members, there are times when it is appropriate for a closed Executive Session to be called by four Directors of the Board. As a result of the Covid-19 restrictions, and President Riccobono’s mandate to follow CDC safety guidelines and practice social distancing, the NFB, at all levels, has to determine the scope and direction of future, Federation meetings and events. Therefore, the Phoenix Chapter Board met to discuss how to proceed with grassroots business. Also, the Board recommended members of the Phoenix Chapter, for President Brad Kuhn to consider appointing to various Chapter and Affiliate committees. A general overview of this Executive Board Session will be given at the beginning of the June 04, 2020, Phoenix Chapter Business Meeting.

Conducting NFBA Phoenix Chapter Meetings via Zoom

Brad has emailed NFB of AZ President Donald Porterfield, requesting access to Zoom for conducting Phoenix Chapter meetings. He will follow up with a phone call. It was hoped that the June 04, 2020 Business Meeting could be directed via Zoom, but is not in place to do so. Once Zoom access is established, all Chapter members will be notified. Tom needs to receive a phone call, with the Zoom information. Monica will ask members if they need help with using Zoom, when she makes the meeting reminder phone call to each. It was suggested that: we will schedule a trial run, to test the system and its meeting functions; and, take a few minutes at the beginning of the first meeting (and subsequent meetings, if necessary), to familiarize participants with the use of Zoom. Jordan volunteered to see if it is possible to set up a SAAVI staff Zoom connection, for the June 04,2020, Phoenix Chapter monthly business meeting. Brad assigned Jordan, Colin, and Vicki to “host” the Zoom meetings.

Chapter and Affiliate Committee Appointments

Phoenix Chapter members recommended by the Board to serve on Chapter and Affiliate Committees, were submitted to President Brad Kuhn for appointment consideration. It was agreed that, it is best for members, new to the NFB, to develop and demonstrate their leadership skills at the Chapter Committee level, before being appointed to Affiliate Committees. However, Brad will assign the final Committee appointments. Also, as President, Brad serves on all Phoenix Chapter Committees, exofacial.

NFBA Phoenix Chapter Committee Recommendations

Membership Recruitment & Retention Committee

Monica Nunez, Chair

Members:

Donna Silba

Kim Parks

Vicki Hodges

Note: Donna agreed to join the monthly, NFB Membership Zoom meetings, with Brad, to keep up-to-date, so we can coordinate events at the grassroots level.

Fund-Raising Committee

Rodney Fletcher & Michael Smith, Co-Chairs

Members:

Betty Love

Cindy Garfio

Monica Nunez

Brad Kuhn

A discussion followed, regarding the need for one, strong chairperson to lead this Committee, rather than to assign two co-chairs. Brad, Jordan, and Colin will talk with Rodney and Mike, separately, to learn what fund-raising ideas they have discussed, and explain that some changes may be needed, in light of the Covid-19. Wednesday, June 03, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. was suggested. Jordan stated that, it is an opportunity to raise funds, during the Covid-19 restrictions.

Community Outreach

Jordan Moon, Chair

Members:

Colin Wong

Mike Smith

Hilda Moreno

Kim Parks

Guadeloupe Steele

Sheryl Susunkewa

Jordan plans to work closely, with the Membership Committee, hosting community events to build up the Phoenix Chapter, and to invite guest speakers to present topics of interest.

Social Committee

Chair?

Members:

Roy Stinson

Mike Abill

Monica Nunez

Joy Harris

Jordan Moon

2020 NFB of AZ State Convention Committees

Convention Arrangements Committee

Jordan Moon, Chair

Phoenix Chapter Appointees:

Brad Kuhn

Colin Wong

While Colin Wong is chairing the Committee that is planning the Professionals Seminar for the 2020 NFB National Convention, he agreed to serve on this State Committee. However, a scheduling conflict will not permit him to do so.

Resolutions Committee

Sami Hamed, Chair

Phoenix Chapter Appointee:

Brad Kuhn

Colin agreed to work with Mike Smith, this year, regarding the resolution writing, recommendation, and adoption process.

Nominating Committee

Chair?

Phoenix Chapter Appointee:

Colin Wong

Colin has a scheduling conflict, that will not allow him to serve on this Committee, this year. Therefore, Brad will appoint another member to serve on this Committee.

Brad will contact Bob Kresmer to verify which NFB of AZ Board positions will be up for election, this year.

Scholarship Committee

Amy Porterfield, Chair

Phoenix Chapter Appointee:

Vicki Hodges

NFB of AZ Standing Committees

Membership Recruitment & Retention Committee

Tarik Williams, Chair

Phoenix Chapter Appointees:

Monica Nunez

Donna Silba

Fund-Raising Committee

Joanne Gabias, Chair

Phoenix Chapter Appointees:

Betty Love

Brad Kuhn

Legislative Committee

Sami Hamed, Chair

Phoenix Chapter Appointee:

Jordan Moon

Education Committee

Ashleigh Moon & Colin Wong, Co-Chairs

Phoenix Chapter Appointee:

Vicki Hodges

Transportation Committee

Megan Homrighausen & Marcus Schmidt, Co-Chairs

Phoenix Chapter Appointees:

Manny Caddy

Tom Johnson

Brad Kuhn

Technology Committee

Bryan Duarte, Chair

Phoenix Chapter Appointee:

To Be Determined

Special Events Committee

Bob Kresmer, Chair

Phoenix Chapter Appointee:

Colin Wong

Other Business

Monday Evening Conference Call Meetings

Brad will get a consensus from the Monday evening meeting participants, regarding how to proceed with these meetings in the near future. Board members expressed a preference to reduce these meetings to once a month, and to be less formal. A mid-month meeting will provide a safe place for people to stay in touch, in addition to continuing to Call the person chosen as our Call Buddy. Each month, one person could be assigned to ask a question, present a hypothetical situation, or initiate a philosophy discussion, to make the meeting more social, while retaining some structure.

Social Outings

Some members want to engage in social outings, now that venues are allowed to open for business. May 31 was the date through which all NFB affiliates, chapters, and divisions were to conduct virtual meetings and events. Until further notice, we are maintaining this directive. However, President Riccobono may announce during the live, June 2020, Presidential Release, some less restrictive guidelines that will allow us to congregate in small gatherings.

Presidential Release #495, June 2020

Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m. AZ Time

Zoom: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 928 3458 2024

Hopefully, we will be able to gather, socially, during the NFB 2020 National Convention. Brad encouraged us to contact our favorite restaurant(s), to learn under what conditions they are serving guests. We will be mindful of the restaurant’s acoustics, so all members of the group can hear and participate.

Monica will contact Garcia’s.

Colin will contact the International House of Food.

Brad will contact the Olive Garden.

Vicki will contact the Old Spaghetti Factory.

A Chapter member or friend may be able to host a small gathering, at their home.

Electronic Payment of Dues & Receiving Donations

Jordan will contact Bryan Duart to learn what payment system is being used by the NFB of AZ Affiliate to receive donations and contributions.

Next Phoenix Chapter Board Meeting

We agreed to schedule a traditional open Board Meeting after the 2020 NFB National Convention, held Tuesday, July 14, 2020, through Saturday, July 18, 2020. In this way, we can use the boost of energy infused by “attending” the Convention, to integrate issues at the Chapter level, addressed during the 2020 NFB National Convention agenda. Thursday, July 23, or Thursday, July 30, are possible dates to schedule the next Phoenix Chapter Board Meeting.

Phoenix Chapter June Business Meeting

Date: Saturday, June 06, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Conference Call Line: (712) 770-4856

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Adjourn

At 7:02 p.m., President Brad Kuhn adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Hodges, Secretary/NFB of AZ Phoenix Chapter

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