

FOLK ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL

Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2015 – 11am Central, by teleconference

Present:

Renee Bodie (arr 11:10am, dep 1:55pm)

Michelle Conceison (dep 1:00pm)

Doug Cox

Donald Davidoff (dep 12:50pm)

Chris Frayer (arr 11:00am, dep 12pm)

David Hirshland (arr 11:15am)

Ralph Jaccodine

Joan Kornblith (arr 11:44pm)

Michael Kornfeld

Tim McFadden

Dan Navarro

Lisa Schwartz

Matt Smith

Jean Spivey

Mary Sue Twohy (dep 12:15pm)

Erika Wollam Nichols (arr 11:05am)

Also, Aengus Finnan, Executive Director

Absent:

Anya Siglin

Call to order 11:03am Central.

MINUTES APPROVAL MOTION to approve Dec 9, 2014 board meeting minutes and Dec 16, 2014 ExCom meeting minutes. Jean second. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

MEETING GROUND RULE (Michelle) Reviewed motion format. Directors wishing to get on list say "Name, List"

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Aengus)

Aengus recognized Jen and Jerod (staff) for superior work on the Conference and Camp/Fair. Delivered ED report including sales highlights, membership statistics, conference and camp schedules at a glance. Discussion about public shows. Notified board of regional leadership retreat planned for April 2015, Colorado Springs. In final stages of merger. Governance committee to determine if a March meeting/board vote needed, will follow up at February meeting.

FINANCIAL UPDATE (Donald)

Donald provided results highlights, answered questions. Audit report received, under review. Full budget process discussion to happen at May meeting. Committee will begin review after conference to prepare for that discussion. Donald provided sponsorships status, explained how revenue breaks out between Conference and Camp/Fair.

GOVERNANCE REPORT (Donald)

Sub-committee to be established to review bylaws pertaining to election. A personnel issue was discussed. We will review financials, conference, camp, and operations in April/May meeting, with eye on learning for the future.

MEETING SCHEDULING

Michelle to poll new directors to see if they can make May 29-30. If so, will proceed. September poll not enough directors available. Michelle will add August dates and re-send poll, seeking to find two days with as many directors as possible. Dan prefers Kansas City for hotel savings and other benefits. Tim offered his Nashville home for meetings, expressed availability of inexpensive hotels nearby. Location topic tabled, pending dates determination.

ADVOCACY (Mary Sue)

Copyright, Licensing & Royalties white paper design process underway, panel at conference. Aengus now an active member of the Carry On Coalition, panel at the conference, preparing two tip sheets. Mary Sue suggested a Small Venues PRO-related think tank call. Renee receiving many calls inquiring about small venues deal, referenced text on website, wants think tank soon. Mike supported think tank, also made clarifications about what constitutes small venues. Dan: we are still delivering on text Renee read. Matt: education is primary role of Advocacy. Mary Sue to work with Aengus to schedule think tank to continue discussion.

FEB MEETINGS SCHEDULE Michelle reviewed plans for board schedule, no questions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Matt)

Reviewed election results. Discussed bylaws, and ability to convert Anya's appointment to fulfill the year remaining on Art's term. Donald verified that action would be in compliance with bylaws. Aengus concurred.

MOTION: Dan moved Anya Siglin be named an appointed member to fulfill Art Menius' unexpired elected seat on the Folk Alliance Board of Directors, term expiring 2016. Renee seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Joan moved Keli O'Neill Wenzell be appointed to a 2 year term to fulfill need for local director, term commencing Feb 2015. Mike seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Aengus to circulate recap of board membership reflecting changes and elected/appointed counts after call.

Aengus thanked Joan for diligence and patience, encouraged Nominating Committee to continue outreach to prospective Canadian candidates for future election. Joan wholeheartedly agreed, expressed continued commitment.

REGIONS COMMITTEE (Renee) Renee reported recent NERFA board issues and FARWEST committee and showcase selection process concerns. Discussion included input from David and Dan.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT (Erika)

Erika reported on recent committee efforts – including activities planned at conference to increase interaction with membership. Committee to survey board after conference to collect input received from members. Ralph suggested refreshments at AGM. Discussion. Erika to follow up with Aengus. Bruce (AGM) will join May meeting to review transition. Liz Allen Fey will join fall meeting to revisit strategic plan. Joan outlined new directors "board buddy" program.

PARKING LOT FOR FOLLOW UP

Mary Sue: "Do we have a mission statement for the camp?"

Meeting adjourned 1:05pm Central.