



SD-ASLTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 12, 2017
The Corner Bakery in Mission Valley
5:00 pm to 6:43 pm

Present:

Adam Frost, Peggy Swartzel Lott, Erin Oleson Dickson, Svenna Pedersen

Not present:

Joseph Halcott, Kevin Struxness

President's Report - Svenna

Svenna shared her thoughts about board member roles and responsibilities and the possibility of eventually restructuring our chapter organization so that each individual's skills and talents are more efficiently utilized. She shared with us about her VP meeting with a few board members of ASLTA SoCal in response to their decision to change their chapter's name from LA to SoCal. Svenna will also soon be meeting with Ben Lewis, an ASLTA national board member who lives in LA.

Svenna would like us to have a large, free (or very low cost) entertainment welcome back/apology event for our members. She has made contact with a well-known performing group and is waiting to learn more from them about their fees, schedule, etc.

At our next meeting, Svenna proposes that we agree on 3-5 goals for 2017/18 so we can determine deadlines, assign duties and move forward with decisive action.

Secretary's Report - Adam (now moving to Treasurer position)

Adam shared that we voted via email on a resolution about our decision not to merge with ASLTA-LA. Adam made the motion, Peggy seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. We all expressed thanks to Kevin Struxness for sharing our viewpoint about this publicly at the recent ASL Educators meeting in Yucaipa. Related to this, we decided today to send a letter to National ASLTA to express to them our desire to remain an independent chapter and not merge with our "region."

Treasurer's Report - Peggy (now moving to Secretary position)

We have \$2,155.20 in checking and \$1,614.70 in savings so our total funds is currently \$3,769.90. Peggy suggested we consider removing our funds from Cal Coast Credit Union and that Adam and Svenna open a new account at an institution of their choice. In the past, we have found CCCU's requirements for changing names on the account cumbersome and we have not kept up with board member changes for that reason. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

We currently pay \$8.99 a month (and \$17.99 per year) for our web space (go daddy). Peggy and Svenna will share the user name and password for go daddy with Adam so he can begin to update our website. For now, we just want to revise the most important things. Longer term, we would like to include photos/videos of board members with written bios, a way for new members to join easily online, our history, announcements, etc.

In the past, we made binders with historical info for each board member. Adam and Peggy will exchange the ones they have and Peggy will see if she can locate the other binders and distribute them. Peggy and Adam have also uploaded many of our document files on Google Drive.

Our current membership list is:

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| Cohen, Brad | bradwireless@gmail.com |
| Dorricott, Janette | jedorricott@gmail.com |
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| Halcott, Joseph | jhalcott@sdccd.edu |
| Lott, Peggy | plott@ucsd.edu |
| Marable, Ginger | drginger10@cox.net |
| Pedersen, Svenna | isvenna@me.com |
| Powers, Kelly | kellynpowers@hotmail.com |
| Sharer, Valerie | valeriesharer@gmail.com |
| Sottak, Paulette | psottak@gmail.com |
| Struxness, Kevin | kstruxness@palomar.com |
| Tinoco, Kathy | ktinoco@gmail.com |
| Yanke, Dorian | dorianyanke@gmail.com |

In addition, we have one recently renewed member, Amy Triba at Helix Charter School. With Erin's renewal, we have a total of 15 members.

Some priorities we discussed:

- 1) Recruit more members - there are many more local ASL teachers
- 2) Pull in the High School ASL teachers
- 3) An ASL entertainment event - possibly late summer?
- 4) A professional development workshop - hopefully in Fall 2017
- 5) Update our website - Adam will begin working on this
- 6) Send one of our board members to ASLTA this July in Salt Lake City - Adam might be available to attend on our behalf - especially the business meetings and the chapter meetings

Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 10th at 10 am

Erin will choose a location and let us know (possibly in La Jolla so we can take board members photos in front of a colorful mosaic background wall).

Action items (before June 10th meeting)

- 1) Peggy will draft a letter from our board to the ASLTA national board about our desire not to merge with ASLTA SoCal - she will share the draft on Google Drive so all can make suggestions/revisions
- 2) Adam will begin to update our website
- 3) Svenna will make contact with the board members who were not present today as well as some others who have expressed interest in the board, to ask how they envision their roles in our chapter
- 4) Svenna will continue to reach out to the entertainment group and gather info about costs, etc. so we can make a decision about this possibility
- 5) Erin will ask Valerie Sharer if she would be willing to take photos of our board members for our website
- 6) Erin will choose a location for the June 10th meeting and let Peggy know
- 7) Peggy will email board members to remind them of the June 10th meeting
- 8) Adam will check his schedule to see if he would be able to attend ASLTA as our board representative this July
- 9) Peggy will check on how many chapter members we had in the past
- 10) Everyone can continue to upload any relevant SD-ASLTA documents on Google Drive