

EPISCOPAL COMMUNICATORS

Annual Virtual Business Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2021

Opening prayer: Jason Merritt

President Jason Merritt called the business meeting to order at 2:01 EDT pm and confirmed that there was a quorum (10% of members required in attendance).

The minutes of the 2020 annual meeting held virtually, were approved as presented.

The Presiding Bishop sent a video greeting to Episcopal Communicators.

Presidents report: Jason Merritt

- Jason thanked the Board of Directors for their service.
- Currently there are 315 members
- The board is focusing on governance and has plans to meet in person in September to discuss the organizations long-term goals and objectives.
- Bylaws
 - Added an assistant treasurer role. Summerlee Walter agreed to become the assistant treasurer, and she will take over as treasurer in May 2022.
 - Created a separate Professional Development and Professional Standards committee.
 - Updated to make the language gender neutral.
- The board worked with Steve Haal to coordinate the CEEP communications pre-conference at the 2020 CEEP conference.
- Introduced a monthly EC-Talk live to provide a space for people to have conversations together.
- The Facebook group has expanded and continues to be very active.
- Committees:
 - Professional Development: Skills based learning
 - Professional Standards: Industry standards and best practices
 - Membership: Focusing on new membership recruitment
 - Site Selection & conference planning

- Polly Bond
- Nominating: Currently consists of board members who are rotating off the board
- The board will be working on developing long-term goals and objectives for each of the committees and recruiting committee members.
- 2022 Board elections:
 - There will be an election for president-elect (will serve a year with the existing president before taking over as president) in 2022.
 - Josh Hornbeck and Alli Gannett's terms will come to an end in 2022.
- Acknowledgements:
 - Melodie Woerman and Nancy Davidge were awarded lifetime Episcopal Communicators memberships.
 - Thank you to all of the sponsors for supporting our virtual gathering.
 - Thank you to Membership Vision for running technology for the event.
 - Thank you to board members for the all of their hard work.
 - Thank you to Lori Daniels, administrator.
 - Thank you to Bill Slocumb, treasurer, and Summerlee Walter, assistant treasurer.

Financial Report: Bill Slocumb

- Bill Slocumb reviewed the year-end 2020 financials.
- Membership is slightly lower than in previous years
- Expenses for 2020 were lower than in in prior years
- Scholarship fund increased due to donated onsite conference fees.
- Bill presented his Anglican Communion Sports Report!
- Welcome to Summerlee Walker, our assistant treasurer.

Meeting adjourned by Jason Merritt at 2:32 pm EDT

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Daniels