Bay State Council of the Blind
Board Minutes for December 9, 2018

Bay State Council of the Blind Officers and Board Members
Brian Charlson President
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Steve Dresser Webmaster
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DeAnn Elliott Legislative committee chair

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. All officers and board members were present, except for Dianna who was excused.

The agenda was adopted, and the updated minutes of our November meeting were accepted by a motion.

President’s report; Brian
Brian reported on progress with our initiative toward a more accessible common college application process.

He asked DeAnn to reach out to Claire in the ACB office, as Claire wants to do a legislative update on this topic. DeAnn suggested that we first confer with the attorney who is working with us on this initiative.

As treasurer, Rick chose to abstain from voting on motions related to the budget.

A motion was made and passed to keep the same fee structure as last year for the 2019 spring convention, but raise the cost of each option by $5.00 to offset rising expenses. Note: Members receive a $10 discount on each option.

Breakdown of costs:
A motion was made and passed as follows: Subsequent to the 2019 convention, we will separate the banquet and other fund-raising activities from the convention. A committee will be formed to plan the banquet and auction or other fund-raising activities.

A motion was made and passed to discuss the proposed budget sent to us by Rick.

A motion was made and passed to decrease the budgeted donation to the DPC by 50%.

A motion was made but defeated to reduce the budgeted amount for White Cane day by 50%.

Although a motion had been made and passed unanimously at our meeting of June 10 2018 to purchase an annual subscription to the Zoom teleconference program, the proposed budget does not include this item. An arbitrary decision was made not to purchase Zoom to save a bit more than $100.00.

We discussed whether it is necessary to use a tax accountant as we have done for the past several years.

A motion was made and passed with one abstention to approve the proposed budget as amended.

A motion was made and passed to create an audit committee.

We currently planned to send 3 members to the upcoming ACB legislative seminar, and one of the three has not yet confirmed.
A motion was made and passed that if the pending attendee declines, we will only send two representatives to the seminar.

A motion was made and passed to postpone our planned fund-raising discussion until a dedicated meeting can be scheduled for sometime during the first two weeks of January. Brian will send out a list of potential dates.

A motion was made and passed to invite our student affiliate and other BSCB chapters to send one non-voting representative to participate in each future board meeting. Brian will send out agendas in a timely manner and will include chapter presidents.

We discussed and agreed to seek commercial sponsors for future conventions and activities.

Our next meeting will be on January 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Sincerely,

Jerry Berrier, Secretary