



**Mid Year General Meeting Agenda
April 19, 2016
Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village
Cape Coral, FL
Hibiscus Room
4:00 pm**

Call to Order, 4:05 pm President Teresa Woodger

Financial Overview and Budget – Bob McGregor

Bob reported that we have \$5,693.24 surplus in the budget after we give LAMA \$1000. That does not include award expenditures.

Discussion on what to do with funds – scholarships – or other ideas

The board met and decided to support 5 LAMA registrations at next year's meeting concentrating on those that have not been able to attend previously.

AALAS Charlotte 2016 updates

According to AALAS, the NC legislature is to meet April 25 and we do not know the affect, as of now no exhibitors have pulled out and new commercial partners are signing up.

Lisa Secrest, AALAS board member said they had an emergency meeting and voted to stay in Charlotte, some states ie New York and Washington State have determined that no travel money will be issued to go to North Carolina. The convention bureau is not in agreement with the state's decision and does not see any issues with the convention center or nearby hotels. Johnny who lives in North Carolina, feels that Charlotte is open to everybody and the business in that state is worried that the law will hurt their economy. Lisa Secrest indicated that AALAS received anti-discrimination policies for the hotels and the convention center. Deb Benner – stated that we should support AALAS and not punish the organization for political reasons.

AALAS Charlotte 2020 updates

We will have to wait and see, impact is not known, question on whether AALAS has a policy on pulling out of future sites.

Site Selection 2022

East of the Mississippi, considered Atlanta, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Louisville, Tampa and Columbus are on the list. Andy Minenna stated that maybe we should look at smaller cities or settle on 2-3 on each side of the Mississippi and stick with those. Each cities gets 4-5 million to the host our meeting. Laura Mistretta who is the commercial trustee to voice our position.

New Product Showcase – Frank Lynch

Applications are going out May/June. Frank Lynch has requested a better location from Deb Benner.

Nominations, President Elect 2018-2020 – Dee Drye

Johnny Wilson was nominated for President Elect. Call went out for more nominees.

Call for Award Nominations

Update on Newsletter and Digital Media

Teresa needs some help getting the newsletter out.

Other Items

Discussion ensued about the 5 bonus points for premium memberships at AALAS is not directly supporting the ATA. The Action Resolution was passed but takes some of the points for ATA not as meaningful.

The EAC needs the ATA volunteers for that committee, 1 large (6 booths or more) and 1 small booth (1-5 booth spaces)

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Meeting Close 5:08 pm