**2021 TAER Business Meeting Agenda**

**March 27, 2021**

**11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order: Rona Pogrund: Meeting was called to order at 11:32 AM.**
2. **Treasurers’ Report: as of 3/27/21- Shannon Darst & Katie Nash: Checking Account Balance: $**81,834.64. The entire report can be found on the website and was updated accordingly. The Treasurer’s report was accepted, as no vote is required.
3. **Secretary’s Report- Minutes from 2019 Business Meeting: Janice Moran: Yvonne Corson motioned to accepted, Jill Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried.**
4. **Old Business**
5. **TAER Facebook Page- Belinda Rudinger: Award winners will continue to be spotlighted on the Facebook Page.**
6. **TAER Website- Stephanie Walker will maintain the website and encourages emails for items that need to be fixed and/or updated.**
7. **New Business -**
8. **2021 TAER Conference Report- Michael Munro: There were 400 registrants. There were 386 participants in attendance throughout the virtual conference. There were 13 exhibitors, and the vendors brought in $4200.** We put on 27 general sessions, two social sessions, and one keynote session.
9. **Legislative Report- Stephanie Walker & Cyral Miller: Mary Ann Siller is available to help new members get on the listserv. There is one bill advocating for accessible voting for people who are blind/visually impaired. For people who are Deafblind, support service providers have been changed to co-navigators. For the administrative code, the words “severe” and “serious” have been eliminated.**

**Bylaws Revisions- Belinda Rudinger:** The subcommittee went through the bylaws, as they had last been revised in 2010. Some of the key changes made were adding heading structure for navigational accessibility, clarifying wording. Some sections were redundant and TAER is part of national AER so we're subject to the same rules for membership.

Clarified officer duties moving section 5 to policy and procedures. We're looking at increasing the number of board members from 2 to 3. This wouldn't take effect the current election, but if these bylaws were approved, we would be electing three new board members at large.

We clarified the election procedures in section 8, and in section 7, we added a statement that in the event of unforeseen circumstances an effort will be made to hold the conference in an alternative format.

1. **Nominations for Open Board Positions- Mary Shore: Elections will be held online. Voting will be open for 21 days.**
2. **Promotion of AER/TAER Membership- Rona Pogrund: Rona outlined the benefits of becoming an AER member, including chapter and division memberships, subscription to JVIB, and online CEU opportunities.**
3. **2022 TAER Conference- March 30-April 2, 2022- Kalahari Resorts & Conventions- Round Rock, TX- Rona Pogrund: At this time, the conference will be held in-person at the resort.**
4. **New Business from the Floor: None**
5. **Outgoing Board Member Recognition- Rona Pogrund: Rona acknowledged and recognized the outgoing board members for their service. These former board members are: Michael Munroe, Shannon Darst, Janice Moran,** Kathie Preece, and Mary Shore.
6. **Door Prize Winners were announced by Stephanie Walker**
7. **Silent Auction Report & Winners were announced by Yvonne Corson**
8. **Business Meeting Adjournment: Rona Pogrund: Shannon Darst moved to adjourn, Jill Brown seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.**