# **February 15, 2018, 7 p.m. Eastern Time**

**Funeral Consumers Alliance**

**Board of Trustees Teleconference**

Members present: Holly Gilbert, Marcy Klein, John Lantz, Phil Olson, Alison Rector, Josh Slocum, Karen Smith, Rod Stout, Nancy Petersen  
Absent: John Abraham

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.**

**I. Approval of November, 2017 Minutes**

Alison moves to approve, Rod seconds, unanimous approval

**II. Elections—report on candidates from chairman Phil Olson**

Phil has five possible candidates: Margery Focarazzo (sp)… Noor Rava (sp) with Muslim Community, David Zinner heads up non-profit focusing on traditional Jewish burial practices, Bill McCullen of Cleveland Memorial Society, Sara Chavez.

Election deadline: Ballots and candidate bios will go out Feb. 28. They are due back in about a month. Rod will ask PMA to oversee the election.

**III. Conference**

**a. Melissa Unfred and keynote speakers.**   
Suggestion to have Melissa do a workshop.

**b. Report on program from Josh Slocum.**   
Registration should be ready to go online next week.   
Conference schedule is complete.

**c. Movie**

Marcy and Holly will review the option of “Obit.”  
  
**IV. Finance**  
a. Update on financial review from Josh Slocum

Little to report. Volunteer auditors are working on it. Hopefully it will be done before next conference call.

**Date of Next Teleconference**

Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m. ET

**Action item:** Josh talk with Karen and Nancy about banquet plans

**Action item:** Holly talk with Marcy about documentary “Obit”

**Action item:** Josh check in with volunteer auditors