Funeral Consumers Alliance

Board of Trustees Videoconference Special Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2020

**Agenda**

**I Biennial Conference**

**II Opening of Bank Account**

**Members in Attendance:** Ruth Bennett, Karen Smith, Alison Rector, Rod Stout,

 John Lantz, Marjorie Focarazzo

**Excused:** Nancy Petersen

 **Guests, Board Candidates**: Kristin Mouton, Dianna

 Repp, Katherine Ortiz

 Josh Slocum, Executive Director

! Special Meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm EST. In the absence of

President Ruth Bennett, it was agreed that Executive Director, Josh Slocum

 would lead the meeting. (Pres. Bennett logged in at 7:30 pm EST)

II Quorum is established.

III Purpose: to decide on whether the 2020 Biennial Conference would be held in person in Austin, Texas.

* Ideas
* Present portion of program live and remainder by video
* Determine ground rules for “live” portion
* Motion made by President Ruth Bennett to cancel the attend in person 2020 Biennial Conference; seconded by Rod Stout; motion carried.
* Monetary compensation: “. . .content goes for the greater good.”
* Nominal fee for the “live” portion?
* Donations? A suggested amount?
* “Pay what one thinks it is worth?
* No charge, but provide good, sound advice, and ask for donations based on how attendees feel it is worth to each person.
* Ask those who would have attended to make a donation since the conference has been cancelled and no one will be spending money for registration, travel, or accommodations.
* Question and Answer time
* Cancellation cost: Josh believes that if it were under normal circumstances it would cost FCA $15,000 to cancel the conference but does not believe the hotel will charge since the circumstance is beyond our control.

**NOTE: Board** will determine how the conference will look at the next video conference meeting.

IV Election of Board Members will be tallied by end of May.

V Open Bank Account at Citizens Bank for receipt of grant monies (cannot be

 deposited to a credit union, only regular bank)

* Motion was made by Ruth Bennett to authorize Josh Slocum to open an account at Citizens Bank for deposit of grant money; seconded by Alison Rector; motion carried.

VI Next video conference meeting to include outgoing board members and

incoming board members on June 9th, 7:30 pm, EST.

VII Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm EST.

Submitted by

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