Funeral Consumers Alliance

Board of Trustees Videoconference Meeting Minutes

December 07, 2021 7:30 pm EST

Members in Attendance:Ruth Bennett**,** Kristen Mouton, Rod Stout, Dianna Repp,

Catherine Ortiz, Marjorie Focarazzo

Josh Slocum, Executive Director

I **Call to Order** by Acting President Ruth Bennett at 7:43 pm EST.

II **Quorum** established.

III **Minutes** of the October 19, 2021 board meeting via zoom were approved as presented.

IV **Finance and Fundraising**

* **Income vs Expenses year to date 2018 to 12/2021** were presented with no questions from board members.
* **Balance sheet year to date 2018 to 12/2021** was presented. All accounts are up to date and in good order. Portfolios did well this year and no assets needed to be sold to cover expenses.
* End of year fundraising was mailed after Thanksgiving; a follow-up letter to large donors will be mailed this week; a good return in donations is expected.
* Paycheck Protection Program was one-time federal government revenue, which means more donations must come in to make up for this.
* **2022 Proposed Budget**
  + No raises are considered for 2022.
  + No major expenses are anticipated.
  + Budget to be adopted after further discussion on raises.

V **Governance**

* **Nominating Committee Report**, Marjorie: two applications received to date; will schedule interviews via zoom.
  + Emails to be sent to all affiliates for self-nominations.
  + PMA has someone to nominate and will forward name and contact information.
  + Final slate needs to be to National Office by Feb. 10, 2022.

VI **Affiliate Relations**

* **Memorial Society of Georgia**: reorganizing
  + Relationships with funeral homes who give discounts to MSOG members may be waning (Detailed information can be found in the Executive Report)
* **FCAs of California**
  + Exploring to become a 501 c 3 (currently a 501 c 4)
  + Concerns in the direction the local CA FCAs and FCA of CA are headed (see detailed information in Executive Director’s report)

VII **Ongoing Projects**

* **FTC Funeral Rule Reform**
  + Nothing has been done to date
  + Josh and Steve Brobeck (CFA)continue to work on this together
  + Josh is considering submitting a formal petition (2016 petition has been updated for sending)
  + Board members should send letters to federal elected representatives to encourage the FTC act on this
* **Second Study/Report on State Funeral Board Process** will center on whether their mission is being fulfilled (more detailed information is in the executive director’s report). Josh is in the process of drafting the narrative report and will, then, work with Steve Brobeck to refine it.

**VIII Proposed/Upcoming Projects**

* **Congressional Bill HR 4062** is endorsed by FCA Board. This bill is to better regulate body parts trade and get written consent from donor families, keep tract of the body parts in the chain of custody, and register with the Secretary of Health and submit to inspections by the Dept. of Health.
* **Conference 2022**
  + In person vs online
* Online is a financial plus for all involved
* Made more money with online event(s)
* Can reach more people online than in person
* In person builds more camaraderie
  + Motion made by Ruth Bennett to hold the 2022 Biennial online; seconded by Kristen Mouton; motion carried unanimously.

**IX Future Meetings**

* Feb. 15, 2022
* April 19, 2022

X **Meeting adjourned** by consensus at 9:01.

Submitted by

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