

Minutes of the June 21st Board Meeting

The meeting was held on June 21st at 1 pm Pacific (4 Eastern). Present were Jonathan, Sally, Lisa, and Joan. Lisa were there and I think Joan also.

The first topic of discussion was moving from Giftworks. Neon/CRM will cost us \$49 a month; it was approved by vote to do that.

Next was a discussion of future General Meetings. Specific needs were identify venue (this is currently a duty of the Past Chairman - needs to be changed), transportation, entertainment, program/presentations. It was noted that the business meeting at the Portland AGM was not legal as only two Board members were present instead of the required four. While the venue selection itself requires a physical inspection of the proposed location, most of the rest of the duties can be done via electronically. Standing committees are needed to provide experience; the Board needs involvement. The Chapter Liaison could best be the permanent chair since that position is in the closest contact with the regional chapters. All this was approved.

Chat group - there is no longer a moderator for this group, which means new members can't join. We will need to let this one die and urge members to join the UK group. There was a discussion about Facebook for the US Branch.

Following a report by Starla Kay Roels, who had very generously looked into the possibility of changing our incorporation from New York to another state, it was decided to make no change.

Shipment of UK publications: at the international business meeting in Leicester, Jonathan found out that the Australian, New Zealand and Canadian Branches all have the UK publications shipped directly to their individual members (i.e., no bulk shipment). None of those Branches has more than 70 members, however, while we have more than 400. Jonathan requested at Leicester that individual mailings to US Branch members be done the same as the other branches which would eliminate any shipping problems. In discussion, however, the Board was of the strong opinion that, since individual mailings would cost twice the present cost (200 members is the point where we get the bulk mailing discount) that we continue with the present method. Lisa pointed out we don't get a breakout of shipping costs and printing costs; it is just total cost. It was agreed that Jonathan would email England to continue the present method (which has been done).

Non Fiction Library transfer: although books have been lost in the transfer, it was felt most could be easily replaced. There was some discussion of what to do with books of which we have multiple copies. The question of who can borrow was raised and it was approved that only US Branch members can borrow. It was definitely felt that there needs to be a budget for each library and Gilda Felt and Susan Troxell will be asked for a budget request. Sally proposed that a budget of \$250 a year be established for each library and that was approved.

The next Board meeting date was set for September 20 at 1 pm, Pacific, 4 pm Eastern and the meeting was adjourned.