

Montana Professional Photographers Association
Annual Business Meeting
April 10, 2017

Ross Magnuson called the meeting to order. Heather Parker did roll call.

Becky Bos read the minutes. Craig Edwards motioned to approve the minutes as written. Melissa Mestdagh seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as written.

Cathy Nelson gave the financial report. There is 13,675.46 in checking, 1,180.1 in savings and 9,975.70 in the American Funds account making a total of 24,831.87 as of March 31, 2017. Terry Osborn motioned to approve the financial report, Scott Breum seconded the motion, all were in favor and the financial report was approved.

Under committee reports Scott Fairbanks reported for the Endowment committee. In 1995 he set up the Endowment account through the Montana Community Foundation. It was set up so the MPPA could use it for education purposes to benefit the people in our organization. The current balance is \$43,699.00. Right now the Montana Community Foundation says that we are not able to draw on these funds as we had originally intended. We have drawn out of the account two times in the past to pay for speakers to come to MPPA convention. They are now in the process of working with them and seeing how we can get that money back and be able to use it as it was intended. Scott said that the committee has written a letter to the Attorney General to see if they can tell us what can be done to get that money back so it can be used again. Scott has two years left on his term on the committee and then he will be stepping down. Ross mentioned that we are hoping to move forward towards a resolution in a timely manner. Trevon Baker promised we will not quit working on this and it will be resolved. Steve Winslow made a motion for the board to provide the membership with the information we receive from the board meeting with Montana Community Foundation. Heather seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed.

Joni Deitz reported on the Fellowship and Service awards. This award is intended to create fellowship and promote continuing education and being a volunteer for the MPPA. There were 9 members who put in towards points last year. There will be 2 people getting the award this year and 3 people will be getting bars.

Leslie Bohle gave the audit committee report. This year an audit was done for MPPA. All the reports reconciled and approved. She recommended doing this audit every year. Trevon asked what the By-laws specified and Jamie Walters mentioned that it is every 2-3 years. Heather had copies of the By-Laws and we can look and double check what it says. Ross thanked everyone on the committee for doing this.

Melissa Mestdagh reported for the vendor committee. There was \$778 brought in from the raffle this year. They will be giving a list of the donors tonight.

Fallon Mindt reported for the print committee. This year there was 115 total entries. There were 37 physical prints and 78 digital. This year we had 3 student entries and 9 first time entrants. There were 65 merited images.

Leslie reported on next year's convention. The dates will be April 28-30th, 2018. She is considering both Bozeman and Billings for the locations. She will send out notifications this summer when the location has been determined. If anyone has any suggestions, please let her know.

Jamie explained that this year for the board of directors, we will need 2-1 yr. positions, 1-2yr. position and one

Endowment committee position. We will also be voting for the 2nd vice president position. Ross opened up nominations for the 2nd vice president. Jamie nominated Melissa Mestdagh. Terry Osborn seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Terry made a motion for the nominations to cease. Trevon 2nd the motion and all were in favor. For the Board of Director positions, Heather nominated Pamela Dunn Parrish. Fallon seconded the motion. Trevon nominated Becky Bos and Kathy Wierda seconded the motion. Joni nominated Melissa Reynolds and Heather seconded the motion. Steve moved the nominations be closed and Leslie seconded the motion. All were in favor. The results of the Board of Director positions are Pamela Dunn Parrish for a 1 yr. term, Becky Bos for a 1 yr. term and Melissa Reynolds for the 2 yr. term.

Steve Winslow gave the PPA liaison report. Right now there are three major areas that PPA is working on, The Copyright movement, the Print movement and Drones. FASCA is taking steps to protect our copyrights and make it easier to file claims. He urged everyone to check it out on PPA's website and join the movement. Right now there are 47 people from Montana who have joined.

The print movement is a campaign that is supposed to help our clients see the value in printing and showcasing their images. PPA is also making sure photographers are well represented in the subject of drones and being able to use them in our businesses. Steve wants to encourage PPA members to also be MPPA members. Right now there are more people from Montana who are PPA members than MPPA members.

Leslie gave the CPP liaison report. There are two liaisons for Montana, Leslie Bohle and Tina Haines. They offered the CPP exam this year at convention and no one took it. There will another one offered at Fall Focus if anyone is interested. There are 11 CPP's in Montana right now and about 2,000 in the United States.

There is a 3yr. term open on the Endowment committee. Scott Breum nominated Ross Magnuson and he declined. Trevon Baker nominated Steve Helmbrecht. Pamela Dunn Parrish seconded the motion. Jamie Walter motioned that the nominations cease. Joni Deitz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Steve Helmbrecht will serve on the Endowment committee for a 3 yr. term.

There needs to be a re-write of the By-laws this year. Ross volunteered to be on this committee. The committee will be made up of Ross Magnuson, Scott Breum, Terry Osborn and Steve Winslow. Ross said the By-laws will be presented at the next convention for approval.

Ross recognized and welcomed two new MPPA members this year.

Trevon motioned to adjourn the meeting, Leslie seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary,

Rebecca Bos