

AIDS Committee of Ottawa Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
March 11, 2015
5:15 pm to 6:30 pm

Present: Gord Asmus, Khaled Salam, Mylan Ly, Laura Conroy, Kevin Hatt, Jean Chenier, Richard Hubley, Soyini Cornette, Kevin Hall
Regrets: Irving Rosas-Brugada, Sabrina Fabien
On leave: Charles Anyali

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Check-in

- Meeting called to order at 5:15pm.

2. Approval of agenda

- Motion to approve: Richard; seconded: Kevin Hall. All in Favour.

3. Approval of November 2014 minutes

- Motion to approve: Jean; seconded: Laura. All in Favour.

4. Approval of February 2015 minutes

- Motion to approve: Kevin Hall; seconded: Laura. All in Favour.

5. Executive Committee Report

5a) Art show

- Opportunity: coordinator Sylvia Martin has offered to put together old ACO posters as part of a show to run throughout August at highJinx (403 Catherine St.)
- Would be presented in conjunction with Capital Pride's 30th anniversary.
- Offer is to sell the posters for additional funding for ACO.
- Kevin Hatt will connect Sylvia with Khaled.

5b) Board training/DJ Freedman

- DJ Freedman is a transactivist who was involved with ACO a few years ago and helped draft our gender policy.
- Contacted and met with Khaled regarding doing a trans-sensitivity workshop or skills building to begin at the board level, can be conversational or a discussion.
- Laura to send out a Doodle meeting invitation to select an available Saturday in April or May.
- Gord will call Sabrina to ask if she would be interested in presenting a second workshop.

6. Executive Director Report

- AIDS Bureau program plan submit Feb 27.
- AIDS Bureau to help with funding for ACO's move.
- ACO receives money for Opening Doors, approximately \$42,000.00 every year. ACO administers the funds while HIV Aids Regional Services (HARS) leads it.
- ACO can allocate the \$42,000.00 to assist with the move because HARS already has their money for the year.
- ACO has also received \$8,000.00 through the City of Ottawa.

6a) HR Update

- Rob Alexander's medical leave has been extended to October 2015
- ACO will post a 6 month position for a Gay Men's Health & Wellness Coordinator.

8b) Cushman/Wakefield

- Our last settlement was to accept an offer of \$19,000.00, we would like payment before the end of the fiscal year.
- We will advertise on the ACO website for one year.

8c) Ash & Bloom Concert

- Canadian musicians, Ash & Bloom will be doing a concert with proceeds going to ACO on April 11 at 8PM. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite for \$25.00.
- This fundraiser will be a good opportunity to gauge the community's response to ACO and to generate exposure.

9. Nominations Committee Report

- Kevin Hall and Kevin Hatt interviewed two applicants
- Motion to approve Lauren Kennedy as an ACO board member Kevin Hatt; seconded: Kevin Hall. All in favour.
- Kevin Hatt to send Lauren Kennedy's contact information to Gord.

10. Finance Committee Report

- Up to March 10, 2015: at 91% of budget.

9. Other Committees

- Anniversary and History Book Committee are now separate.
- Next meeting on March 25 at 6:00PM
- Guests from Water Source Creative, publishers with experience in social justice projects.

11. Other business

- Easter dinner April 2 at 5PM, need board members to help serve dinner.
- Approval of January minutes. Motion: Soyini; seconded: Kevin Hatt. All in favour.

12. Meeting adjournment:

- Motion: Richard.