Council Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2017

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by the Charlie Mills, President

Present: Charlie Mills (President), Betty Meyer (President Elect), Michelle San Anton (Treasurer), David Chapman (Web Administrator), John Dunning (Secretary), Jerry Hoddinott (Council), Kelly Doolan (Council), Celeste Greene (Council), Valerie Walker (Past President)

Unable to Attend: David Sweet (Student Representative), Kylie Robbins (Council), Mechelle Smith (Council) Stanley Skinnier (Council), Jeffery (Jeff) Waechter (Council)

Minutes: The minutes from the October 21, 2016 meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer’s Report: Michelle SanAnton provided a copy and summary of the report for the period ending 31 December 2016. Our checking account balance is $2,012.16. Our savings account balance is $1,476.83. Accounts cash on hand is $3488.99. We also have the two savings bonds issued on 09/1993 totaling $7,536.00. Our total assets are $11,024.00. Not included in the report was the $40 paid to the Norfolk Public Library for the January event. The treasurer’s report was approved without change.

March 16th Symposium: In October the council agreed to explore the issue of mentally ill offenders who cycle through the criminal justice system without appropriate care to address their mental health needs. Related issues were the reintegration of mentally ill offenders into society, and the related policies and protocols in state statutes to address these issues. The following decisions were made:

- Proposed Format: The symposium would run from 9:00am to 1:00pm. There would be two panels with a moderator and a speaker for the luncheon.
- Proposed Speaker: Newport News Sheriff Gabriel (Gabe) Morgan – Sheriff Morgan serves on the Hampton Roads Regional Jail board, has been involved with the Commission for Mental Law Reform, as well as programs to get people with mental illness out of jail and into places where they can get treatment.
- Proposed Panel Composition. In addition to persons from the regional jail, we would try to include individuals from the Community Services Board, REACH (Regional Education, Assessment, Crisis Services, Habilitation), and the Virginia Supportive Housing Project.
- Volunteers to Organize: Betty Meyer serves on the Regional Jail Board and will identify some panel members and if Gabe Morgan is at the next board meeting she will ask him to speak (if not, Charlie Mills will contact him). Kelly Doolan works in the VB Department of Human Services and will also make some contacts and recommendations for panel members.
• Marketing: We need to do a save the date flyer by the second week in February and start publicity to the chapter members and beyond as soon as we get the panel topics and speaker.
• Charlie Mills will hold another tele-conference on this topic the third week in February.

Nominations Committee: Our constitution states that the committee nominates ASPA members for the positions of Chapter Council, President-Elect and Student Representative. Responsible for announcing these nominations and taking any from the floor at Professional Development Day (Symposium) they are also responsible for preparing and distributing ballots with nominations and tallying results. Committee consists of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past-President. John Dunning agreed to work with the committee to facilitate the nominations process.

May 4th Public Service Awards Luncheon. At the October 2016 Council meeting, John Dunning recommended that the Council consider doing the Pindur Award on an “as needed” basis rather than annually due to the limited availability of eligible faculty members. He also recommended that we reexamine the amount and frequency of the Student Scholarship. To be eligible a student must be chapter member. Because of the low number of student members the difficulty in getting nominations, the award is no longer competitive. The Council wanted more information prior to making a decision and identifying volunteers to serve as award/scholarship chairs. John Dunning agreed to send the information to the council. A decision can be made at our February teleconference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Minutes Recorded by John Dunning, Chapter Secretary

Attached: Treasurer’s Report