

## ABC Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM

Jimmy Brewer spoke about the event at the hotel. He invited us back for a following year and elicited feedback.

Attendees:

### **Voting Clubs**

Houston  
Philadelphia  
So Cal  
Ft Lauderdale  
Indianapolis  
Twin Cities  
Dallas  
Rockies  
Washington D.C.

### **Board**

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Edward reported on the 2009. We had 823 attendees, making it the largest convention yet. Financials will be certified and should be available within a month. BC donated about 30,000 of their own to upgrade the experience that we have had this weekend. P/L Report should be available within 60 days.

Calendaring teleconferences were discussed. Sunday afternoon was proposed at noon Central Time. DC Comments that we need notice. We can give one week notice as well as sending out an agenda at this time. Motion passed.

Fran Kirchner proposed that ECC be at Indianapolis again this year as it was successful last year. Motion passed.

As per the agenda, many locales have come forward displaying an interest in forming or reforming a club in their area. Nashville has asked officially. Orlando is nearing certainty. Tampa and Las Vegas are not. Frank Kirchner has been appointed as the Committee chair for New Clubs. He will work with them to see about getting them to the meetings and started up.

The websites were announced and it was decided to add information on an event in Houston put on by all the gay clubs called Let us entertain you. The decision was made that any event which is supportive of the club community is allowed to be posted on our events page. This information will be sent to us.

Patrick Hoover presented on the fact that in a recent audit, discrepancies were found. BiggerCity set up a loan to bring our accounting back into the working capital that we need. See treasurer's report for further financial detail. It was discussed that the previous treasurer had used funds for non ABC uses. He has been removed from the board, and he will be repaying the funds that were removed. In effort to prevent this happening in the

future, the current Secretary has resigned. Patrick will be functioning in that capacity pro tem, pending elections. The finance committee will be established to prevent this moving forward. The committee consists of the President and Treasurer who will each be sent financial statement to verify that funds are being used appropriately. Publishing the bank statements was suggested as a way to prevent this in the future. Edward further updated us that the loan of 4000 that he extended was decided to be made into a gift instead.

Patrick presented details on Convergence 2010 in Orlando. There was some confusion about where the decision came from. It was clarified that the decision came in a recent teleconference of the board. Further details need to come about how locations are chosen.

Frank Kirchner presented an event proposal to host Convergence in 2011. They have worked with a local hotel, as well as pulling in well known entertainment. Proposal was accepted, with one dissenting vote. Post vote conversation indicated a need for a written proposal for review of the ABC board. This was the stated reason for the dissension. A motion was made to rescind the vote due to lack of written proposal. Motion seconded, but failed due to lack of 2/3 majority.

Election:

Secretary: Tony Colisimo (Moved: Mike C. Seconded: Ron S.)

Treasurer: Patrick Hoover (Moved: Ron S. Seconded: Rich Z.)

Vice President: Frank Kirchner (Moved: Scott B, Seconded: ) Jeremiah Mulford (Moved: Ben P, Seconded: )

President: Gary Wells (Moved: Seconded: Ron S)

Single elections confirmed. Jeremiah and Frank both gave a 3 minute talk about why they are the right person for the office. Frank was re-elected Vice President of ABC.

New Business from around the table: The question was posed "What is the point of ABC". Much of this is still being defined by ABC. Consultation with the consultant is being codified and will be sent out for review on the next conference call. Additionally the concept of national registration could be a way to unify the groups together. This is still in gestation stages and the coming year will further clarify these two points. Next teleconference call should have alternates available.

Actions:

Next call is November 15th 2009

Lessons Learned call

Discuss 2011 Convergence

By-Laws rework

Begin work on Event Kit

Begin work on Club Kit

Financial Comittee report on action regarding monies lost.

Event Chair needs to come up with a proposal for how event locations are selected.

BiggerCity Poll for locations

Initial report on consultant sent out to discuss

Meeting was adjourned.