

Suncoast Information Specials Minutes of the Business Meeting

Monday April 2, 2012 at the Southshore Regional Library at Ruskin

Attendance was approximately 28.

Introduction

Hal moved to approve the minutes from February and they were approved.

We had a round of introductions.

Treasurer's Report by Arlen

\$ 1476 is our current balance.

Bylaws Committee by Bill

Bill presented a report on the bylaws committee and handed out copies of proposed changes to the bylaws. The bylaws were last revised in 1999. There were three major considerations: the formation of an executive board, who would have voting and non-voting rights, and electronic voting.

Highlights:

- The bylaws now provide for electronic voting, and the Secretary is responsible for this process.
- The President is responsible for calling special meetings.
- The bylaws provide for an Executive Board that will replace the President as the party responsible for appointments.
- The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President are the members of the Executive Board.
- The Past President is a voting member of the Board.
- All members of the Board serve one year terms.
The bylaws create two Directors. They act as ambassadors who spread the word about SIS membership.
- Appointed persons have no voting rights.
- The President will not vote except to break a tie.
- The Executive Board's duties include managing the organization, contracting out for services, and they can conduct this business online or in person.
- Elections remain the same, but in the event of a vacancy, now the Executive Board makes the decision to fill the vacancy.

- Committees. The changes would eliminate the Executive Committee. There would still be a Program Committee, Scholarship Committee, and a Nominating Committee. The Executive Board decides the composition of the Committees.
- Ad-hoc Committees are appointed by the Executive Board.
- The Executive Board decides the terms of any dissolution of the organization.

Discussion:

- There was discussion as to what will constitute a quorum
- We will put the bylaws online so everyone can view the proposed changes
- We discussed the possibility of lengthening the term of the Treasurer to two years since it takes so long to transition our accounts over to the new Treasurer.

Silent Auction, Wine Toss and 50/50 raffle at the upcoming FLA conference

Caroline discussed this item to raise money for scholarships.

Call for newsletter items

Megan requested job opportunities and announcements.

Adjourn the Business Meeting and Announcements

- Hal announced that Sarasota County has two librarian positions, eight part time positions and two customer service reps positions available. To apply, visit the website and apply by April 5th.

Introduce Speakers

Program:

Privatization of Public Libraries. The panel included Sarabeth Kalajian, General Manager of the Sarasota County Library System and Ed Kilroy, Former Director of the Osceola County Library System. This was a discussion on the privatization and outsourcing library tasks and activities.

Submitted by Robert Brammer, Secretary