

# **MGWA Board of Directors**

## **Meeting Minutes**

3/17/2020

### **Opening**

The March regular meeting of the MGWA Board was called to order at 11:35 by President Julia Steenberg. The meeting was held on the Zoom platform.

### **Present**

President Julia Steenberg, President-Elect Tony Runkle, Past-President Kate Pound, Treasurer Vanessa Baratta, and Management Team Sean Hunt and Jennie Leete

### **Consent agenda**

The consent agenda consisting of January and February minutes as revised, MGWA Foundation scholarship recipients, and a final report of the Education Committee's Field trip and Workshop subcommittee was unanimously approved.

### **Discussion Items**

- **Treasurer Report**

Profit and Loss – Income of \$14,607 almost completely from dues, Expenses of from Spring Conference preparations have not yet all been entered; current expenses total \$4,777.

Balance Sheet – We have over \$107,000 in the bank and owe less than \$5,000.

- **Past President Report**

The MGWAF Board met and elected their officers for 2020. A number of Foundation funding decisions were made, including the Gabanski Scholarships identified in the consent agenda. The Board discussed providing funding for these MGWAF obligations so that no assets need be sold at a low point in value. An amount of \$10,000 was authorized to be deposited in the MGWAF unrestricted checking account.

- **Management Team**

Progress is being made on 2019 year-end tasks.

Second dues renewals and 2020 Spring Conference brochures were prepared, printed, folded, and mailed.

### **Open Issues**

The group reviewed options for the Spring Conference in light of COVID-19. The venue cannot handle MGWA with adequate social distancing. We are invested in the chosen

topic and impressed with the quality of the speakers who have agreed to speak. We do not have, nor can we assume that speakers would have, enough time learn to use a conferencing platform like Zoom and revamp presentation style whilst dealing with changes in how regular jobs are being done. We have a Fall Conference scheduled for November 12, 2020. The board unanimously voted to cancel the Spring Conference and postpone the spring conference's theme until the November date and to inform everyone along the lines of:

“MGWA is cancelling our 2020 Spring Conference due to the Corona crisis. We anticipate moving the theme to our November 12, 2020 Fall Conference date. We hope to see you all in November. Our management team will be in touch with those who preregistered.”

Notices will be placed on [www.mgwa.org](http://www.mgwa.org) in the conference and newsletter spaces. Notice will be sent by email. The Board will review final language for the email before it is sent. Julia will be in touch with speakers to ask if they can be available in November. Jennie and Sean will thank members for their ongoing support, refund prepaid registrations and get in touch with members who were paying dues along with registration for permission to charge the credit card for dues only.

Next Meeting – Zoom – April 21, 2020