

ALIPBS Fall Meeting Minutes

7 August 2021

Meeting called to order in person and via virtual meeting platform by Chairman Benigno at 1005 hrs.

Roll call of Board members. All members present except as noted below.

- Jeff Brown
- Mac Meade
- Marty Zvonar
- David Fever
- Paul Brown
- Charles Mueth
- Wayne Madson

Previous meetings minutes. Motion and second to approve minutes. Passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report. (attached to main copy of minutes). Motion (Derrick Stinson) and second (Joe McCraith) to approve report. Passed by unanimous vote.

Leadership (Recommendations to the Commander).

- Chairman – Christopher Benigno
- Vice Chairman – Limey Nargelenas
- Executive Director – Christopher Benigno
- Treasurer – Wayne Wagner

Report for Staff Invitations and timeline.

- Doug/Graham – Staff - Will begin by sending save the date notice to Staff after the Holidays. Doug will be working with Chuck on the wording of the invitations. No anticipated changes. Initial save the date email will be going out around the end of September.
- Dan – Possible schedule change dealing with Supreme Court schedule will be discussed in separate meeting. Discussed Model County points being awarded for some court findings, and inclusion of Supreme Court rulings receiving more exposure on The Boys State News Network. Possibility of using 5 or so topics (rotating) for the oration contest, due to limited info on current events in relation to Abe Lincoln's life.

- Chuck – Councilors – we have plenty. May need to reduce the number of counties if we fail to increase citizens.
- Joe McCraith – Educational line up - Jason Hill volunteered will teach Judicial and David Benedict will assist.

Unfinished Business.

- *Public relations push* – Carter - Golden Tickets are being printed, and should be sent out to all Posts. County, District, and Division chairs should be heavily involved in this. Discussed quotas for Counties/Districts. We need to recruit recruiters. Motion made by Derrick Stinson, Seconded by John Reece to approve up to \$2,000 for advertising on Social Media. Passed unanimously. (Doug will work with Graham).
- Data Base/Online registration form – Greg – Not on call. Graham says registration form will be complete within a couple days.
- Transportation – Tentative bus pick-up and drop-off locations added to website along with contact information.
- Assistant Positions are needed in all areas except for Admin/Counselors.
- Social Media Team – Been very active on social media. Will increase presence in the near future. Work done by Rick, Doug, Alec, and Graham.
- Alumni Association - Josh Cox – Head of Alumni Association – One time fee of \$20.00 to \$25.00 which includes a lifetime membership, Welcome Letter, Decal, Lapel pin, ID card, Certificate, and quarterly digital newsletter.

New Business.

- Program changes - None at this time.
- Additional Seminars – Schedule allows for 2 more classes. (Mandatory attendance?)
- Yearbooks – Print & Digital – doing both
- Schedules – Manual insert that can be torn out.
- Sports – Soccer, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, and Quiz Bowl. Will remain the same for next session.
- Online payment – Work in process. Christopher, Graham, Greg are working on this.
- Program Sponsorships Work in progress (Christopher working on corporate sponsors).
- Staff Caps for 85th session. Working on bags/backpacks. Can be sold in the Boys State store.

- Jason Hill is working on written policies and procedures document for ALIPBS.
- Expiring board terms: 1st Division/Hsienjan Haung, 4th Division/Wayne Wagner, 2nd Division/Christopher Benigno. Motion to renew terms for 6 years made by John Reece, seconded by Limey Nargelenas. Passed by unanimous vote.
- Christopher added ALIPBS to the summer program list on Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling.
- Vice Chairman Report – Need lesson plans for classes. Illinois still working of State funding for Boys State/Girls State.
- Inventory Count – Christopher needs help checking our current inventory prior to ordering for next session. Numerous volunteers. Plan on late March or early April.
- Change Bank to Flannigan Bank (online access/Department Finance to have authorization to make deposits). Motion by Derrick Stinson, seconded by Wayne Wagner. Passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Program.

- Boys State Directors Conference discussed. Christopher asked for any volunteers to contact him.
- Boys Nation was held, successfully.

Meeting Adjourned at 1141 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

John B. Reece Jr.

ALIPBS Board Secretary,
Director of Administration