

Minutes of the 2022 ACA Annual Business Meeting

Harrisburg, PA - September 11, 2022

LATIN DUDE opened the meeting at 9:40 am with a moment of silence to remember ACA members who died in the last year, along with the victims of the 9/11 attacks in 2001, and for the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

LATIN DUDE asked ARDUINNA to give the results of the election:

DARING FLAIR: President

ARDUINNA: Vice-President

PHILLIES: Secretary

LATIN DUDE passed the torch to DARING FLAIR.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the 2021 Business Meeting was moved by PELKABO. REGULUS seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

MANDRAKE, via ZOOM, gave the treasurer's report. 2022 was another down year as the ACA lost \$17,844 in fund balances. Total assets: \$149,441. MANDRAKE advised that according to our investment advisors, no immediate action is needed, but cautions we may need to consider raising membership dues by a modest amount if a turnaround doesn't occur in the upcoming year. There were no questions for the treasurer either from the in-person attendees nor the ZOOM attendees. GAMESTER moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, CILLBIPHER seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

DARING FLAIR reported that investigation of online distribution of The Cryptogram was still being explored, as methods that would protect distribution of ACA content are continued to be explored.

DARING FLAIR did note that the format of the Digital Cons has changed, based on requests from the membership at the last Business Meeting, and hopes that all are finding the new format to their liking. The new format shows the CONS just as they are shown in The Cryptogram, to include the title, constructor, and any tips for solving.

DARING FLAIR mentioned that some had complained about the double sign-in needed to access certain parts of the ACA website (cryptogram.org), and mentioned the webmasters were working on the issue.

DARING FLAIR also mentioned that while MANDRAKE said we may need to consider raising membership dues in the future, the ACA has not raised dues since July 1, 2001.

New Business:

There was an agenda item for the creation of a Recruitment Committee to make a plan for ACA outreach efforts, specifically (but not necessarily exclusively) targeting people under 30 years of age. LANAKI, MIB and MSCREP were nominated to be on the committee. SUSSI seconded the nomination, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about why THE RAT's ACA link needed a double login before members could access it.

WIRMZ asked if the ACA would consider selling ACA merchandise emblazoned with the ACA logo. DARING FLAIR asked for volunteers to investigate this. PHILLIES volunteered to look for ways to make ACA merchandise available to members.

Several ZOOM attendees mentioned the quality of the audio for the convention speakers was poor and needed improvement. WIRMZ moved that the Executive Board consider investing in a bluetooth microphone or something similar to enhance the online experience. The motion was seconded by GEAROIDBC. PARROT moved that an amendment be added to the motion to include adding a web camera so those attending by ZOOM would be able to see the presenters instead of only seeing their slides and hearing their audio. HOYT ARCANE seconded the motion to amend. CONFUOCO raised the issue that not all people wish to have their image shown or voice heard on Convention proceedings and people who are attending should have that right to refuse to be shown or heard. The original motion passed 12-9. The motion with the amendment passed 18-4.

PELKABO moved that the EB form an Online Convention Committee, to consider technology, participant privacy, accessibility and other related concerns. WIRMZ seconded the motion and the motion passed with just one objection.

DARING FLAIR asked if there were any nominations for the Online Convention Committee. CONFUOCO was nominated by GAMESTER and seconded by ARDUINNA. WIRMZ nominated herself and the nomination was seconded by BECASSE. PELKABO nominated himself and CILLBIPHER seconded. ZSA was nominated by FUNERALLY and seconded by WIRMZ. CILLBIPHER nominated himself and REGULUS seconded. It was unanimously passed by voice vote.

REGULUS moved that the previous motion regarding Audio/Visual equipment needs be referred to the new Online Convention Committee. BECASSE seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

DARING FLAIR said he would call the first meeting of the Online Convention Committee and would be an ex officio committee member, helping with coordination of the board but leaving the detailed effort to the committee members.

DARING FLAIR asked if there was any other new business and if not, a motion to adjourn until the 2023 ACA Convention. CILLBIPHER moved we adjourn, GAMESTER seconded, and by unanimous vote, the meeting came to conclusion at 10:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bogart (PHILLIES)

ACA Secretary