

SDL Minutes 6/8/2021
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In attendance via teams were Mike McCarthy, Richard Theis, Tammy Fine and Steven Miller (who was primarily on another call). In attendance by phones were Al Jacobs and John Tolleris. Due to several board members being unable to attend or unable to get onto the Teams platform, we lacked a quorum for any substantive action.

Minutes. Richard moved to approve the minutes. Al seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Richard gave treasures report. No changes since last report. There was a discussion of the reduction or elimination of dues previously, and Richard presented the opposing view. SLD has become an active division hosting well attended webinars. Dues are minimal, almost insulting. Richard discussed cost of presenting programs and sending a representative to National. Suggested we consider increasing, not eliminating dues. Subsequent lively discussion included this topic, as well as that survey results showed that members think the SLD should continue to be the SLD.

Al moved into discussion of the age/experience issue, and the amended resolution presented to the board.

Richard discussed that our membership drive should be put in hiatus until the new "membership year" is in place. Mike explained details.

Al will send out emails laying out issues and votes on substantive matters, since there is not a quorum at this month's meeting.

Mentoring: Discussions with YLD went very well and if the SLD put together a list of members interested in mentoring, the YLD will publish it in newsletter. We discussed several issues and Tammy and Mike will refine the presentation in consultation with diversity group.

Program updates:

Yoga was an interesting experience. 21 people.

Hold dates: July 7 via zoom; July 18 @ National Cathedral in DC

Legislative report: John: no news on GRC. Last week New budget Biden proposes 2.7 percent pay raise (vs. 3.2 in congressional bill), so battle ground is very narrow. Biden and NAIJ agree to move to making Immigration Court an Article III Court.

GRC: Richard described revised resolution. Will circulate to board again.

New business: nothing to discuss

Looking into different video form.

Tammy moved to adjourn. John seconded. Motioned carried.

Meeting adjourned 2:11