



Arizona Senior Academy

ARIZONA SENIOR ACADEMY
Board of Director's Meeting
June 15, 2022
Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Wright, Tom Travis, Chris Sheafe, Gary Fenstermacher, John Caruth, Maria Dobozy, Susan Simmons, Stan Davis, Virginia Richardson, David Hook, Brad Anderson, Billie Moyle, Chris Eustis (ex officio)

Not Present: George Atkinson, Bill McCourt

Thirty-One residents of the Academy Village also in attendance.

1. Bruce Wright, Chair of the ASA Board, called the meeting together at 9:30 a.m. He asked each Board member to introduce him/herself. Wright continued:
 - A) The importance of transparency, Wright disclosed that he is currently assisting in a group that is contemplating the incorporation of the Vail Community—which would affect Academy Village.
 - B) Wright feels that the ASA organization needs to become more formal—more structured.
 - C) He is in favor of Vice-Chair to be able to take over his duties if he is away.
 - D) He announced that there would be an Executive Meeting following the regular meeting.
2. Minutes of the Last Board meeting: Chairman Wright Introduced draft minutes of October 6, 2021 ASA Board meeting. Motion: to approve the minutes--unanimously approved by the Board.
3. Election of Vice-Chair. A discussion of the qualifications of the Vice Chair ensued, particularly whether s/he is an Academy Village resident ensued. A major question was whether the Vice-Chair should be an AV-resident or not. A name will be proposed at the next meeting.
4. Executive Committee: There was no dissent on the question of whether there should be an Executive Committee. This will be examined further and presented at the next Board meeting.
5. HOA Billing: Issue 1: President Tom Travis described the request of the Academy Village HOA to pay a share of the expenses related to several piggy-back contracts that benefit the ASA. It is not a significant amount, and the ASA does a lot for the HOA.
Motion: The President of the ASA is the person who enters into discussions with the HOA and makes the decisions concerning ASA payment. 11 members agrees 1 did not.
Issue 2: President Travis reported on The Reciprocal Easement Agreement (REA) that specifies that ASA should pay any disproportionate costs incurred by the HOA for maintenance of

common use parking. Recently, the ASA worked with the HOA and agreed that ASA would pay 40% of the repair costs for the common parking lot. It was agreed that the HOA would work with ASA to develop and maintain the ASA membership list.

6. USE of ZOOM: President Travis reported that the ASA will no longer routinely Zoom lectures or other live ASA presentations. It is cumbersome and challenging to do this; and places a burden on the audiovisual team (volunteers). He mentioned that one possibility is to record the sessions, another is to hire outside assistants to do this work. These possibilities are being considered by the Management Team.
Board member John Caruth suggested that he could offer his IT Department at Empire Secondary School in Vail to help out.
7. Strategic Planning for ASA: President Travis describe the efforts to examine its mission for the future. Two issues are important: 1) Should the ASA expand its membership to the community outside Academy Village? And 2) should the volunteer management of ASA be strengthened or transformed by hiring paid professionals? The Board discussed these possibilities, but it was clear that making these changes require a deep discussion of a longer-term vision for ASA.

Board President Wright suggested that the Board engage in a strategic retreat for the ASA to discuss these issues and reconsider the ASA vision.

The results of this process would be written up and brought to the membership of ASA for further discussion.

Motion: That Strategic Planning ASA Board Retreat be held to focus on vision, goals, and processes. Unanimous approval.

8. Outreach Report: Board Member Billie Moyle discussed plans that she and Board member Susan Simmons have been working on to gain interest outside the Village. This planning will coordinated with developing views of the expanded role of ASA, and possibly a new membership model. They have been communicating with a number of organizations in Tucson, such as SAACA. This planning will continue and will be an important element of the ASA Strategic Planning retreat.
9. Finances: Two Reports from the Tomlinson Financial Group employees laid out the following:
 - a) This month and this year Financial Status: Treth Sanchez, CPA
 - b) Briefing on Internal Procedures Review conducted by Tomlinson Financial Group: Melissa Tomlinson. This review brought up a lot of issues regarding current procedures. President Travis indicated that these were being examined and many are being changed with the help of the Financial Group.

Suggestions from Audience:

--We should be very clear that the ASA mission is related to education and cultural education.

--We have many people who have moved here during the pandemic, and really don't know what Academy Village is all about. We need communicated with this group.

--The ASA financials should accompany the meeting agenda that is sent out prior to each meeting.

--The growth of ASA should not necessarily focus on more music. We have had 20 years of weekly concerts that have been open to the public.

--We should be collaborating more with the University of Arizona for members and for being available for research efforts. E.g., the Department of Psychology on gerontological research.

--We should prioritize working on bringing back ZOOMing of live presentations.

The Board Meeting was closed by Chairman Write at 11:40 a.m.

--Minutes prepared by Virginia Richardson, ASA Secretary