

Call to Order: 5:04 p.m.	Led By: Arturo Garcia Sierra
Adjournment: 5:48 p.m.	Secretary: Barbara Cosio Moreno

## In Attendance (QUORUM) (10 voting, 1 non-voting ):

- 1. Blake Nelson, President
- 2. Arturo Garcia Sierra, President Elect
- 3. Barbara Cosio Moreno, Secretary
- 4. Jenny Mehlow, Treasurer
- 5. William Lopez
- 6. Paulina Sierra
- 7. Amanda Nelson
- 8. Cheryl Robinson
- 9. Anthony King
- 10. Anne Buckley
- 11. Elena Gomez
- 12. Alexis Cortes
- 13. Karlene Sanchez
- 14. Julie Smith-Taylor, APR

## Absent (X):

- 1. April Tellez Green, Past President
- 2. Monica Gil de Los Santos
- 3. Elena Gomez
- 4. Alexis Cortes
- 5. Chris Jenkins
- 6. Sammi Reyes

Chapter Administrator: Blake Nelson, APR Chapter Treasurer: Jenny Mehlow Ethics Officer: Julie Smith-Taylor



Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Owner
Call to Order/President's Update	<ul> <li>Call to order</li> <li>Blake out - Arturo running the meeting.</li> <li>Reminder to attend the Diverse Dialogues Series Mixer <ul> <li>Request for Board to promote the event on Aug. 22</li> </ul> </li> <li>PD - No events planned</li> <li>September events - Quality Time for PR Minds (9-13) &amp; Ethics Month event (9-21)</li> </ul>	No action	Arturo
Budget Overview	<ul> <li>Jenny handling the invoice for our tax return - \$900</li> <li>Bernays budget:         <ul> <li>Barbara motioned to increase budget spend for photographer/designer to \$750 - Jenny suggested a \$1000 total budget</li> <li>Paulina seconded</li> <li>Motion passes unanimously</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Board Vote	Jenny
Secretary Update	<ul> <li>Approval of minutes         <ul> <li>Anthony noted an error in attendances. Barb will update and reissue for a vote at Sept. Board meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Board Vote	Barb
Bernays	<ul> <li>Paulina now serving as judging chair.</li> <li>Call for entries ready</li> </ul>	No Action	Paulina



	<ul> <li>Newsletter ready</li> <li>Social media ready</li> <li>Open Water ready</li> <li>Earlybird closes on 8/15. Regular is 9/1, Late is 9/8. Drop dead date is 9/15.</li> <li>Anne asked about the timeline - stating its too short. April said our goal is to give two months. EC acknowledged we fell short this time due to loss of two board members.</li> <li>South Carolina is judging us. We are judging OKC.</li> <li>Goal is to document everything to go forward.</li> <li>Reminder to solicit special awards.</li> </ul>		
APR Update	<ul> <li>Five candidates in the APR process</li> <li>Additional candidate about to put an application thru</li> <li>Hoping to move all of them thru</li> </ul>	No Board Action	Anne
Committee Updates	<ul> <li>Quality Time with PR Minds         <ul> <li>William</li> <li>William and Kim had been able to cover all the costs for last year's event</li> <li>Secured the venue and the date.</li> <li>William's agency did the graphics.</li> <li>Reached out the board about making them aware that this committee needed help. Not a lot of signups. Lost his only committee member (PJ Maxwell).</li> <li>Thanked April for her assistance.</li> <li>Barbara proposed moving it to November</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No Board Action	William



	<ul> <li>Discussion would be had at EC level to assist William in next steps.</li> <li>Professional Development - Cheryl/Elena/Amanda         <ul> <li>No events planned for September.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
New Business	<ul> <li>Barb suggested that we share the honor code again as board members. Reminder as to why we agreed to serve.</li> <li>Eventbrite may start to charge - per April. She will look into it.</li> </ul>	No Board Action	
Membership Update	<ul> <li>Loss of Members - a couple people from private sector, a couple from UCSD, one person from military</li> <li>New members - Three from tourism sector (city of SD and Carlsbad), higher ed, girl scouts</li> </ul>	No Board Action	Anthony
Adjourn	<ul> <li>Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm</li> </ul>		Arturo

## VIRTUAL VOTE - Conducted online on 9/7/2023 to 9/8/2023

President Blake Nelson initiated a virtual vote to increase the budget to send an Assembly Delegate to ICON

Motion: To increase ICON expenses by \$1,287 to ensure travel, stay, and conference admission are fully covered. Motion seconded: Barb Cosio Moreno

Votes in Favor: Jenny Mehlow, Paulina Sierra, Anne Buckley, William Lopez, April Tellez Green, Amanda Nelson, Cheryl Robinson, Monica Gil dos Santos, Anthony King, Alexis Cortes, MOTION PASSES