

**MINUTES
AZALEA SOCIETY OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ASA CONVENTION LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
2:00 P.M
March 10, 2022**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Charlie Andrews*
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Pres. Tri-State	Beverly Knight
Pres. Vaseyi	Aaron Cook*
At-Large Contact	Vacant
Paul Beck had proxy for Budne	

NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Advertising	Denise Lanclos*
Archives	Jeanne Hammer
Awards	Robert "Buddy" Lee and Barbara Stump
Azalea City	Robert "Buddy" Lee*
Azalea Research	Hale Booth*
Back Issues	Susan Bauer
By-Laws	Rick Bauer*
Membership	Vacant
Nominating	Rick Bauer*
Seed Exchange	Lindy Johnson

Incoming Directors

Shane Harris*

Frank Russenberger* .

*Indicates those present for meeting at time of roll call.

CALL TO ORDER:

Charlie Andrews called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

There were 22 in attendance. See the first page of minutes for attendance.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021 BOD MINUTES:

The minutes of the BOD meeting of May 13, 2021, were approved as given with no discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

The need for a Membership Committee Chairman discussed in 2021 still has not been filled. After a brief discussion of useful qualifications, it was requested that chapters recommend members who could fill this position.

Dissolution of Tri-State Chapter was discussed in the 2021 board meeting. At that time it was decided to table the issue. As a result, the issue still required resolution.

Prior to this meeting, members were given an updated report about the activity of the Tri-State Chapter as well as how the society's by-laws deal with cancelling affiliation and dissolving a chapter. After discussion the motion was made, seconded, and approved to follow the procedures outlined in the by-laws for the dissolution of the Tri-State Chapter.

Tri folds Information: Rick encouraged the use of the new trifold in outreach of new members. He also stressed the fact that by using the space on back the trifolds can be individualized for each chapter's use. Trifolds were made available to each chapter.

Review and update of current ASA By-Laws: Proposed changes to the by-laws were presented during the BOD meeting for discussion. Each person had been encouraged to have a copy of current by-laws and suggested revisions to refer to in the meeting. Voting will take place after the required 30 days of receiving the suggested changes in a called meeting.

Each suggested revision or addition was explained and discussed. Also, there were additional changes made. Changes to the committee's updates and additional changes are as follow:

- ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP, 2. Life

There was a recommendation to eliminate additional life memberships. The motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was made and seconded to table that discussion until next year. The motion was passed. (Those in favor 8, opposed 6). Michael Bamford and Paul Beck will work up a survey to get feedback on feelings of members.

- Remove ARTICLE VI. L. Transition Period

- **ARTICLE IX, FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS, C. Instruments for Payment or Borrowing**

Committee recommended deleting the need for payments to be countersigned because it is not practical and as far as known has not been done. A motion was made and seconded that "... and be countersigned by the President or Vice-President." Be replaced with "Approval for non-budgeted payments will be approved by the President of the Society." The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Paul Beck reviewed key points of the 2021 financial report. He also recognized the excellent work of Kathy Jentz as editor of *The Azalean* as well as that of Denise Lanclos in selling advertisements for *The Azalean*. The increase in advertisements has helped to cover much of the cost of the magazine. Overall, he felt that we had a good year. However, we did have 85 members removed from membership as of the first March which will certainly affect finances.

AZALEA RESEARCH FUND:

Chairman, Hale Booth reported that the new applications are slow, mostly due to covid. He would like to see applications from some of our member's students. He stressed that applications are as not as involved and well worth the investment of time.

AZALEAN EDITOR'S REPORT

Editor, Kathy Jentz reported that the Spring issue of *The Azalean* is ready for mailing. She offered ideas that could be used to enhance future issues and requested other ideas. She assured members of the BOD that she is checking to see that pricing is good in printing process as well as watching supply costs.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS

- **2023 Atlanta, Georgia Area**
Northern Virginia Chapter, ASA and Azalea Chapter, ARS
- **2024 Auburn, Alabama, Alabamense Chapter ASA**
- **2025 ?**
- **2026 ?**

Charlie said that he is going to check with Kevin McCorkle to see if the Central Carolina Chapter would be interested in having the 2025 meeting and would be talking with others about 2026.

PRESIDENT'S VISION

President, Charlie Andrews, gave a report on his vision for the future. He desires to see more involvement, interaction and leadership by both the national and chapter levels. He outlined ways that ideas could be shared by using current resources and through technology.