



CALIFA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, January 20, 2023

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. PDT

Start Time: 10:02 a.m.

In Attendance:

Califa Board Members in attendance:

- Carl Pritzkat
- Misty Jones
- Gary Shaffer
- Yolande Wilburn
- James Ochsner
- Sara Jones
- Todd Deck (joined 10:04 a.m.)
- *Absent:*
 - *Shawn Calhoun*
 - *Erik Mitchell*

Califa Staff in attendance:

- Paula MacKinnon (Executive Director)
- Veronda Pitchford (Assistant Director)
- Christian DeLay (Staff)
- Nili Nosrati (Staff)
- Kathy Kosinski (Staff)
- Lorene Monangai (Staff)

Meeting

I. Call to Order- Vice-President –2 minutes

a. Introductions/Quorum

b. Approval of January 20, 2023 Agenda (ACTION)

- i. Gary Shaffer moved to approve the January 20, 2023 agenda. Yolande Wilburn seconded. All approved.

c. Approval of September 23, 2022 Minutes (ACTION)

- i. Gary Shaffer moved to approve the September 23, 2022 minutes. James Ochsner seconded. All approved.

II. Finance report – 2 minutes

a. Investment Policy (ACTION)

Paula MacKinnon said the new investment plan went live in May 2022, and since that time the economy in general has been trending downward. She suggested that the board waits six months to re-evaluate at that time.

Sara Jones motioned to approve the investment policy. Yolande Wilburn seconded the motion and all approved.

III. Old Business – 4 minutes

a. Board director/ officer update

Starts 10:05 a.m.

Paula MacKinnon reviewed the proposed plan to change board terms for Erik Mitchell and Shawn Calhoun. The plan was to have Erik Mitchell resign his appointed position on the board and go up for election in June. Shawn Calhoun would then be appointed to Erik Mitchell's vacant position. Paula asked the board if everyone was comfortable with the possible changes.

Sara Jones said it is a good plan and should work. The rest of the board agreed and no vote was needed. Paula MacKinnon said she would start the process to get Erik Mitchell's resignation letter and have him put up for election in June.

IV. New Business – 9 minutes

a. What's a Mastodon? Califa investigating launching a social media instance.

Paula MacKinnon announced that due to the downward trend of Twitter, Califa would be offering libraries a space on Mastodon with the server "library.love".

Paula added that Califa is still working to get the servers going, but she wanted the board's thoughts and opinions of Mastodon as an opportunity for Califa.

Carl Pritzkat mentioned that Publishers Weekly has watched the unraveling of Twitter and growing popularity of Mastodon very carefully. He added that moderating on Mastodon can be tricky as a set of community standards need to be enforced. He said he will be curious to see how it works out for Califa.

Misty Jones said it is interesting that Califa is giving Mastodon a try.

Paula MacKinnon said the Internet Archive has been using an internal Mastodon server for 6 months, and that they offered to help Califa with the set-up. She mentioned that people in the library community have been asking where to go, both on Twitter and on Mastodon. She said she hopes library.love can be that space they are looking for.

V. Agenda Building, Scheduling the Next Meeting – 10 minutes

a. Scheduling the next meeting

- i. The next meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2023. The meeting will be held via Zoom and run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific.

b. Agenda building

- i. Paula MacKinnon suggested the next agenda topics include the budget and the recommendations from the Finance committee meeting in March.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.