

JSSS Extraordinary Board Meeting

May 7th 2020

Attendance:

Luke Hockley (President)
Susan Wyaat (Vice President)
Lisa Pounders (Communications Director)
Alexandra Fidyk (Public Relations)
Inez Martinez
Peter Dunlap
Cynthia Cavalli
Susan Rowland
Elizabeth Nelson (Journal Editor)
Evija Vestergaard
Heather Taylor-Zimmerman (Secretary and Art Director)
Robert Mitchell (Membership Officer)

Apologies:

Sukey Fontelieu (Treasurer)
Gregory Mahr

Agenda

- 1) Update and action, following the latest legal advice.
- 2) Pending Resignation and need for Replacement of the Treasure – and vote of thanks to Sukey!
- 3) Future plans to mitigate the Society's financial exposure
- 4) Conference arrangements for 2021

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It was noted that this is an additional Board meeting called to discuss the ramifications of the current pandemic for the Society. A full meeting of the Board will be held in July, 2020.

- 1) The Board discussed the legal advice it had received and voted that it should be followed. In support 10. Against 0. Abstain 1
- 2) A vote of thanks was offered to Sukey as outgoing treasure. The need to find a new person to take on the role was noted. It was decided that Luke consult with Lisa Pounders and reach out to Society, about applying to be Treasurer (Financial Background being essential) and also to see if there was a member of the Society who could offer legal advice to the board.
- 3) The formation of a new not for profit organisation to deal with the contractual arrangements for the Society's annual conference was discussed, along with the possibility of event insurance. (Discussion papers tabled separately.) It was decided that the Society's lawyer be consulted for advice and alternatives. Proposed Cynthia Cavalli, Second Lisa Pounders. Carried unanimously.
- 4) The issues around the arranging a conference in 2021 were discussed. It was decided to consider university venues in 2021. The possibility of regular conference bases on the East and West Coast were discussed. Lisa Pounders agreed to explore options at the University of Asheville and Heather Taylor Zimmerman to explore The Evergreen State College which has an indigenous arts program. Proposals to be developed in the next two to three weeks.