

Evangelical Press Association
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

The Campbell House

Lexington, Kentucky

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:14 p.m. (ET)

Sandra Glahn, President, presiding

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steve Bootsma of Cadet Quest: to accept the minutes of the 2023 business meeting.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Election of EPA Board Member

Sandra Glahn introduced Warren Maye as candidate for treasurer and Mark Dreistadt candidate for adviser. She asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. No other nominations came from the floor.

Motion by Diane McDougall of McDougall Editorial: to accept the nominees as presented.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Membership Report

Danny Conn, outgoing treasurer, presented the membership report.

The EPA ended calendar year 2023 with a total membership of 317, a decrease of four from 2022. This consists of:

- 130 print
- 82 digital
- 63 associate members
- 18 business affiliates
- 15 honorary
- 9 contributing members

There was a continuing trend of fewer print and more digital publications.

Our membership is stable.

Financial Report

Danny presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, EPA had income of \$245,917, and expenses of \$240,115, ending the year with a \$5,802 surplus, which was partially the result of the \$75 for 75 campaign.

- For current fiscal year, we're expecting a surplus that could exceed \$10,000.
- Reserves are projected to exceed \$100,000 at the end of the current fiscal year on June 30.
- A preliminary budget for next year has been developed and will be approved by the board in the fall after this year's numbers are finalized.

Scholarship Report

President-elect Dwight Widaman presented the scholarships.

- He presented the \$2,000 Jerry Jenkins scholarship to Point Loma Nazarene student Sydney Brammer.
- He presented the Douglas J. Trouten Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to Maria Davis from Liberty University.

Director's Report

Executive Director Lamar Keener presented awards.

- He presented the new Emerging Journalist Awards to:
 - o Rachel Larsen, nominated by Chosen People Ministries
 - o Timothy Cokes, nominated by Baptist Press
 - o Jillian Ward, nominated by The Lion
 - o Kaylena Radcliff, nominated by Christian History magazine
- He presented the Terry White Lifetime Achievement Award to Dean Merrill and Bob Terry for their exceptional contributions to the field of Christian journalism.
- He introduced Warren Smith to also present the lifetime achievement award posthumously to Joel Belz. Andrew Belz accepted it on behalf of him and their family.

EPA 2025 convention will be held May 4-6, 2025, in Branson, Missouri.

New Business

There was no new business.

Sandra thanked Danny Conn for his service as he rotates off the board.

Adjournment

Kristy Glaspie of World Vision moved to adjourn.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy Glaspie, Secretary