

LCS Board Meeting
10:00 AM, Thursday, December 18, 2019
South Campus Boardroom

Members Present:

President - Carole Jeanne Wolff (1st term to 2020);
Treasurer - Andrew Timothy Boardman (1st term to 2021);
Director - Janis Elizabeth Sirany (2nd term to 2021)
Director - Mac Bruce Whyte (1st term to 2020);
Director - Brian Thomas Dalziel (1st term to 2021).
Director - Howard Feldstein (1st term to 2020);
Director - Elizabeth Villaseñor Ramirez (1st term to 2020);
Director - Virginia Boyle Pelzl (1st term to 2020);
Director - Christine Caldwell (1st term to 2021);
Director - Larry John Barnhardt; (1st term to 2021);

Members Absent:

Secretary - George William Radford (1st term to 2020);
Director - Antoinette Francis Brahm (1st term to 2021);

Vacant positions:

Vice-president (2021);

Also present:

Executive Director - Steve Irvin Balfour.

1. Call to Order: Carole Wolff, President at 10:00 AM.

2. Adoption of Agenda: There was a determination of a Quorum with ten of twelve voting members present.

M/S/C Gin Pelzl/Tim Boardman to approve the December 19, 2019 agenda. The Board unanimously approved.

3. President's Report: Carole Wolff gave Howard Feldstein the Floor.

4. Howard Feldstein gave Introductions and Presentation of Grand Sala to the Board.

5. Secretary's report: George Radford

- **Approval of the November 21, 2019:** M/S/C Gin Pelzl /Tim Boardman to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 Board meeting. The Board unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**
- **Updating of Signatures at Bancomer:** Bancomer signatures are finally now up-to-date.

5. Executive Director's December 2019 Board Report: Steven Balfour reported on the up and coming events and requesting that we have as much Board participation as possible. He also updated the Board on strong prospect list for Membership/Sponsors.

The **2020 Directory** is available in the Front Office and requested that if anyone has done so please do.

Property Bequest Status The LCS is one of four charities that are beneficiaries of a property

The lawyer for the household staff/executors, has been slowing the process down. The beneficiaries have demanded access to the property for the purpose of inventory and moving to get the house listed for sale. This needs to go back to court for an order.

Around the Campus

Neill James House veranda: LCS has received several proposals from contractors to repair the roof and flooring. Howard and Michael Pumphrey have been working on this.

Lighting: Staff have replaced most lighting heads on the lamp posts on campus. This was especially important with darkness settling in earlier.

Street Side of NJ House: The overgrowth in front of the NJH has been cleaned up and vines pulled off the building. This included replacing the barbed wire on the outer wall. The bougainvillea will once again grow over this wiring so it won't be so noticeable.

Security meeting: Working with neighbors on scheduling a security meeting to discuss how we can support each other for a safer neighborhood.

Membership numbers

This Month:

Last month:

As of 12/10/2019

Plan_Name	COUNT
Admin Total	5
Business Gold Total	3
Business Platinum Total	3
Business Silver Total	1
Employee Total	1
Life Member Total	16
Monthly Total	44
Senior Total	303
Regular/Single Total	2150
Student 2019.1 Total	2
Grand Total	2528

• Member Stats:

Plan_Name	COUNT
Business Gold	2
Business Paladium	1
Business Platinum	2
Business Silver	1
Life Member	16
Monthly	41
Senior	306
Regular/Single	2,154
Student	2
Total	2,525

Director of Education – Alfredo Pena Report was reported by Steve as follows:

ESL finishes classes this week. The registration for new students for January classes took place. There were a few more than 100 new students register to take classes in January, plus the ones already enrolled.

We finished the training for Spanish in Action. This was a training in Guadalajara for those who will lead this new Spanish course. Over the next 2 weeks we will prepare the daily class planning and materials preparation to be prepared for the course.

6. Treasurer's report: Tim Boardman, Treasurer.

Month: surplus of \$50k is lower than budget and reflects the payment of a finiquito in the amount of \$76k. Membership and donations below budget offset by fundraising and directory being over budget. Administration over budget reflecting the finiquito, additional grounds maintenance and the unbudgeted Development Director.

Year-to-date: LCS is close to breakeven for the year. Gains in membership and

investment income relative to budget have been offset by excess expenditures in Administration (largely finiquitos).

M/S/C Tim Boardman/Gin Pelzl to accept the November 2019 Treasurer's Board Report, Balance Sheet and other financial reports. Discussion. The Board unanimously approved. **Motion Carried.**

A public report is available in the LCS office.

7. Standing Committee Reports:

- **Audit Committee:** Brian Dalziel, Chairperson.

The Board was advised of the routine progress on the 2019 external audit is underway.

- **Campus Committee:** Howard Feldstein, Chairperson. (Note done in the Introduction and Presentation of Grand Sala at the beginning of meeting.

- **Community Committee:** **Larry Barnhardt** was introduced as the new Chairperson for the Community Committee. His committee will be focusing on Goals 2.1 and 2.2 for 2020.

2.1) Collaborate with other standing committees to develop a comprehensive marketing and communications plan for the Lake Chapala Society, to create greater visibility and positive perception within both the Mexican and foreign communities;

2.2) Create relationships between the LCS and leaders within the Mexican and foreign community that create greater opportunities for collaboration.

- **Finance Committee:** Tim Boardman, Chairperson.

Items were covered in the Treasurer's report above.

- **Program Committee:** Mac Whyte, Chairperson reported on the focus of the questions/comments from last meeting and discussion of the Catalogue of Courses that LCS is offering.

- **Fund Development Committee** George Radford, Chairperson unable to attend but

reported Annual Giving: to date 11/30/19 Annual Giving 391,153 pesos. Requested that Board Members get their donation for 2019 for the end of the year if not given.

8. Ad Hoc Capital Campaign Committee: Steve Balfour, Chairperson reported that the committee is still processing..

9. Ad Hoc LCS 2.0 Project Management Committee: Brian Dalziel, Chairperson

- Reported current activities: Standing committees are working on various LCS 2.0 objectives that were previously prioritized for implementation. The Executive Director Steve Balfour is directing work related to certain LCS 2.0 organizational development goals.
- Upcoming Activities: Implementing Community Engagement goal 2.1 -- a marketing and communication plan for LCS 2.0 -- will require active collaboration between all standing committees.

10. New Business: None.

11. Old Business:

- Discussion on the proposal to expand Intercam's presence on the LCS campus was tabled until next month.

12. Adjournment

M/S/C Gin Pelzl/Howard Feldstein to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved adjournment at 11:46 AM.

The next board meeting date will be Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the South Campus Boardroom.

George William Radford, Secretary

Date of Approval: January 16, 2020

Carole Jeanne Wolff, President