

**January 2, 2019**  
**APSURA Board Meeting Minutes**

The January 2019 APSURA Board meeting was held on January 2 at the Pace Alumni Center. Members present were Joe Filippo, Cheryl Holt, Phil Kemmerly, David Kanervo, Allene Phy-Olsen, Sharon Silva, Nancy Smithfield, Carl Stedman, and Eloise Weatherspoon.

Carl Stedman will fill out Jim's tenure as president for the remainder of the year, but he expressed that he thinks we need a younger, more enthusiastic person as president after this year.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Sharon proposed that we begin giving a scholarship now rather than just sitting on this money. It is probable that people will want to give money to the scholarship fund in memory of Jim, and we discussed ways to publicize that information. The alumni magazine would be one possibility.

Nancy presented the membership report, announcing that we now have 95 members, including one new member and two returning members.

The Connections program for January will feature Stuart Bonnington with a presentation about Tai Chi. It will be on Tuesday, January 29, at 7:00 in our usual place. David said he will see about getting speakers for future Connections meetings.

Carl volunteered to address by-law changes that need to be implemented.

The future of the newsletter and who will be in charge of it was discussed. It was suggested that Bob Privett be asked if he would like to continue to work on the technical aspects of it. Jim served as publicity director as well as president, so we need a new publicity director. The publicity director is appointed by the board.

Since we do not have a newsletter coming out this month, Nancy volunteered to send information about Stuart's January Connections program by email to our members.

Cheryl suggested that we need a physical space for Jim's files and records and other APSURA related articles and objects. David will talk to Mitch about this need. He will also ask if Mitch's assistant Ben will sit on the board.

Carl reminded us that a nominating committee needs to be selected. Elections are finalized on June 6 and are usually done by acclamation.

Since the immediate past president serves on the board, there is a question of whether David or Carl will be considered as the immediate past president. Both president and vice president positions need to be filled. Also George has resigned from the board, and Barbara Blackston has been absent for several months. . We need to ask her if she wants to continue on the board. Phil said his term has ended, but there was some question about whether he could continue on the board.

Carl asked for volunteers for the nominating committee, and Sharon volunteered to chair the committee. Nancy and Allene agreed to be on the committee. At large members who were mentioned as possibilities for the nominating committee were Ted Jones, Floyd Christian, and Dewey Browder. The nominating committee needs to meet soon.

Eloise suggested that we need to line up programs for the last Connections programs of the year as soon as possible. Carey Brennan with CSI was mentioned, as well as Carolyn Ferrell and Ellen Kanervo. Nancy said that Cindy Marsh is interested in doing a workshop. It was also suggested we go to a play at the Roxy, eating together beforehand, as one of our Connections events.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be February 6.

Submitted by secretary Eloise Weatherspoon.

