**Minutes of the Trustee Meeting**

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

**12:00-2:30**

Attendees at meeting:

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| **Position** | **Member** |
| **President** | Ben Ayers |
| **President Elect** | Kim Key |
| **Vice President** | Lynn Jones |
| **Vice President Finance** | John Barrick |
| **Vice President - Finance – Elect** |  |
| **Treasurer** | Tracy Noga |
| **Secretary** | Blaise Sonnier |
| **Trustee-2018** | Michael Donohoe |
|   | Sean McGuire |
|   | Sonja Rego |
| **Trustee-2019** | James Chyz |
|  | Katharine Drake |
|  | Michaele Morrow |
|  | Casey Schwab |
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| **JATA Editor** | Connie Weaver |
| **JLTR Editor** | Blaise M. Sonnier |
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| **AAA Council Representative** | Nancy Nichols |
| **Past President** | John Robinson |
| **Incoming President-Elect** | Diana Falsetta |
| **Guests:** |  |
| Audrey Grambling  Shauna Bigelow |  |
| Charlene Henderson |  |
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President Ben Ayers called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM on August 5, 2018. Ben reviewed the following announcements included in the agenda:

**Announcements:**

1.       JLTR has a new editor: Blaise M. Sonnier; His term will run from June 1, 2018-May 31, 2021.  Special thanks to Roby Sawyers for serving as JLTR editor for the last 3 years.

2.      The ATA Nominations Committee, chaired by John Robinson, has offered the following slate of nominees for the 2018-2019 academic year:

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| **Position** | **Nominee** | **Affiliation** |
| President-Elect | Diana Falsetta | University of Miami |
| VP-Elect | Jenny Brown | Arizona State University |
| VP Finance-Elect | Hughlene Burton | University of North Carolina-Charlotte |
| Secretary | Stacie Laplante | University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Trustees   |   |   |
|   | Stephanie Sikes | University of Illinois-Chicago |
|   | Bridget Stomberg | Indiana University |
|   | Erin Towery | University of Georgia |
|   | Ryan Wilson | University of Oregon |
| Publications Committee | Scott Dyreng | Duke University |
|   | Erin Henry | University of Memphis |

3.      ATA Committee reports will be posted to the ATA webpage following the AAA meeting.

4.      ATA Business Meeting:
Monday, Aug. 6, 10:15-11:45
Gaylord Convention Center, Potomac 1

ATA Luncheon and Awards:
Monday, August 7, 12:00-1:45
Gaylord Convention Center, Potomac D

5.      The next Trustee meeting will be in Washington, D.C. in February 2019.

After a brief welcome and a review of the announcements in the agenda, Ben asked if there were any revisions or modifications to the minutes of the February 17, 2018 Trustees and Officers meeting. The Secretary, Blaise Sonnier, announced a revision of the circulated minutes to add Casey Schwab as having attended the meeting. After a motion and a second, the minutes were approved as revised by unanimous vote.

President Ayers reminded those in attendance that all committee reports have been or will soon be uploaded to the ATA website.

Ben brought up whether the Operations Manual was still necessary after the adoption of the new bylaws given the information available on the ATA website. After a discussion, the consensus was to hold off on the elimination of the Operations Manual until issues are resolved around the maintenance of historical records of the organization.

Treasurer’s Report – Tracy Noga

Tracy Noga presented the 2018 Annual Meeting Treasurer’s Report, which included a Statement of Operations for the period ended May 31, 2018, Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2018, summary of ATA Contributions, and summary of ATA memberships. Tracy observed that last year’s performance was consistent with the prior year.

Tracy called the Board’s attention to the negative balance in the Christine Bauman Memorial Fund of $920 dating back to 2015. This was due to an overcharge of consortium travel expenses to this account in the past. To eliminate the deficit, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to transfer $920 from unrestricted net assets to the Kristine Baum memorial fund.

Finance Committee – John Barrick

A report of the Finance Committee will be available on the ATA website. A discussion was led by John Barrick regarding the loss of a platinum level sponsorship for the Midyear Meeting and possible avenues to obtain a renewal of the sponsorship. In addition, the Finance Committee is looking at increasing the sponsorship amounts for next year’s meeting. Other sponsors have indicated a willingness to increase their level of support.

The consensus was to allow the continuation of the Hoops Tax Institute sponsorship of the ATA Midyear Early Career Development Breakfast. This sponsorship saves the ATA resources and the organization (associated with Washington State University) is willing to continue to sponsor the breakfast.

Approval of 2018-2019 Budget – Kim Key

Kim distributed a copy of the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget. One suggestion to reduce the slight deficit is to increase the registration fees for the Midyear Meeting and Teaching Conference by $10 per event. The following two line items were added to the budget: (1) $5,000 to sponsor travel for a faculty member to accompany international students to the midyear meeting and (2) $8,000 for the JATA Senior Editor or Editors to attend an international conference to promote JATA.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget, including the increase in the registration fee for the midyear meeting and teaching conference. The motion was unanimously approved.

JATA Editor Report – Connie Weaver

Dr. Weaver circulated a copy of her Editor Report, which will be available on the ATA website. Dr. Weaver reported on several initiatives to increase JATA’s submission: participation in KUDOS pilot program to promote research published in the journal and making the journal open access. Connie reported that efforts continue to increase the visibility of the journal and the number of submissions.

JLTR Editor Report – Blaise Sonnier

Dr. Sonnier provided an update of his activities as Senior Editor of JLTR since June 1, 2018. The details are provided in the written report that will be uploaded on the ATA website.

Site Selection Committee Report

    2020 MYM – Charlene Henderson

Charlene Henderson reported on the request for proposals for hotel locations for the 2020 midyear meeting. Proposals were obtained from hotels in Austin, Nashville and Dallas/Ft. Worth. Given the requirements for the midyear meeting and room rate restrictions, the only viable option is for Dallas/Ft. Worth. The committee will pursue that venue.

    2021 MYM – Lynn Jones

Lynn Jones reported on the following potential locations for the 2021 midyear meeting: Salt Lake City, Nashville, and St. Louis (in rank order). They have provided a number of optional dates to AAA for the 2021 year meeting and are exploring piggy backing with other section meetings. A request has been made that AAA complete the request for proposals by Nov. 2018 for the 2021 meeting.

Publications Committee – Michaele Morrow

Michaele reported that the annual report of the Publications Committee this year and in future years will include the term of the JATA and JLTR Senior Editors and the year of the appointment process for their successor. A discussion followed regarding the best place to include this information as a reminder for the incoming Publications’ Committee Chair. Other initiatives and items being worked on by the Publications’ Committee is detailed in the written report.

Ben brought to the Board’s attention that when the bylaws were amended language regarding the procedure for disciplinary actions relating to ATA editors was eliminated. While the bylaws provide that disciplinary action may be required in certain situations, the mechanism or procedure for such action was not included. After discussion, Michaele indicated that the Publications’ Committee would review the prior language and make a recommendation at the midyear meeting about a policy to address the issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:37 PM.

Blaise M. Sonnier, Secretary

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