

PLATO Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2021 (Approved April 9, 2021)

9:30 a.m. via Google Meet

Present: Kathy Brown, President, Janet Cabot, Bill Eisinger, Patricia Herrling, Scott Kolar, Hedy Lukas, Rod McKenzie, Sharon Scrattish, Michael Stevens, Meg Taylor, Paul Thompson
Also present: Louise Fowler; Kathy Michaelis; Edie Urness-Pondillo

Approval of December 2020 Board Minutes

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

Scott Kolar discussed three options for the next FY budget based on various scenarios. This will be a transitional year and several key items are not known for sure, including:

1. When we can resume in-person activities. When we do resume these activities, costs will also rise.
2. What our administrative expenses will be for FY21-22.
3. How many people will renew their membership.

The new budget will be discussed again and voted on at the Board meeting in April or June, when we have more certain answers on the issues above.

• **Recommendation for dues for next FY**

Renewal notices will go out in mid-July. Scott Kolar recommended we go back to our usual membership fee of \$60/year. That motion was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Committee Updates

• **Diversity Committee – name and charge proposal – Kathy Michaelis**

Kathy joined us to give an overview of the proposal from the Diversity Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve this proposal and name change. The motion was approved.

• **Other updates**

Hedy Lukas discussed a survey about courses due out in April of this year. The survey will cover questions about meeting in-person or virtually for classes and other feedback about course preferences.

Janet Cabot discussed having a raffle for a free book from a speaker at an event and the Board agreed this was acceptable procedure.

New Administrative Model Workgroup Update

Michael reviewed the major points of the recommendations from the workgroup. They concluded that the contractor model works best for PLATO. It was stressed that PLATO would be a contractor, not an

employer. The motion to adopt the recommendations on PLATO's new administrative model and authorize the Work Group and the Executive Committee to proceed was made and approved.

The Agora Beyond Edition #7 – Future formats & Options for paying for it

Bill Eisinger and Edie Urness-Pondillo discussed the Agora proposal for the future of the Agora, which states that "The Agora Board proposes that *The Agora* continues to be offered in print version as long as fiscally possible. In addition, we wish to expand the online version of *The Agora* in a magazine format." The Board discussed pros and cons and did not make a decision.

A motion was made that a question be added to the survey in April questioning whether members would be willing to pay for the paper version of *The Agora*. The Board approved the motion.

Other Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Board meeting: April 9, 2021