**ABLL Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 10, 2014

3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Edwards Wildman Palmer

**In attendance**: Bob DeFabrizio, Chris Laut, Margaret Bratschi, Nuchine Nobari, April Taylor, John Pedini, Stacey Potito, Mary Holway, Andrea Rasmunson, Stephanie Chapman. Also present were Nick Ypsilatnis and Kim Sweet.

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated March 13, 2014 unanimous.
2. Membership Committee: A survey was created by Mary Holway, Stephanie Chapman and Bob DeFabrizio
3. Results:
   * Improve communications to members
   * Topics drive attendance as opposed to location
   * Need for best practices in addition to the bylaws of the association. A “handbook’ to assist on small changes as well as guidelines for appropriate use of the listserve.
     + Provide name and affiliation in the message.
     + Provide all communication for newletter/ecommunication to April Tayler (VP and chair of Communications) to be distributed bimonthly ~ June-May
   * Split event times: 60% lunch, 40% after work. More events each year.
     + Coffee hour gatherings
     + Happy hour gatherings
     + Library tours
     + More brown bags
     + Mentor library students
   * 63% of membership satisfied with dues structure
     + Reduce fees and add more events
   * ABLL Listserv update
     + Change listserv format
     + Check members are receiving emails
     + Discussed offering a quick webex on how to use the listserv
4. Review of Duties of Officers and Committees
   * Restructure of the committees to optimize the heavily burdened committes.
   * Removal of three positions
     + CRIV
     + Archives to be combined into the Secretary duties
     + Social VP to be combined with the Communications VP duties
5. Discussion followed by a vote to change the language of the bylaws to remove the age and retirement requirements for life time members.
6. A vote was proposed and passed to elect Margaret Bratschi a life time member.
7. Discussion of lengthening board member terms to assure overlap of positions to increase insight and experience.
8. Discussion of changing bylaws and updating the language of the rules at length.

Next Board Meeting: TBD; Business Meeting scheduled for May 22, 2014 @ noon at the Hampshire House.