

AS1 Fall Governance Council Meeting–9/21/2024 (Zoom)

Elissa Best, Katy Biron, Andy Bristol, Katherine Cassidy, Debby Cohen, Matthew Cohen, Michele Cohen, Stafford Cohen, Beth Corsa, Barbara Denno, David Epstein, Ann Etter, Lisa Gresser, Keith Knox, Connie Lentz, Scotia Miller, Susan O'Loughlin, Nuria Pastor-Soler, Pam Pierce, Shelley Powsner, Gabrielle Prochaska, Phil Quatrochi, Steve Skrovan, Annie Stewart, Dale Stewart, Scott Stewart, Hope Thurlow, Ali Walton, Deb Walton, Plasha Fielding Will, Joe Watts, Louise Williams, Wanda Wood, David Yermack

Welcome & Call to Order – (Keith Knox)**Consent Agenda/Acceptance of Reports A – G**

Approval of Dec 2023 and July 2024 Minutes (Katy Biron) – [A – AS1 Annual Meeting December 2023](#), [B – AS1 Governing Council Meeting-On Island-July 2 2024](#)

Registration (Susan O'Loughlin) – [C – 2024 Registrar's Report](#)

Star Island Corporation Report (Caroline Quijada) – [D – 2024 Star Island Corporation Board Report](#)

Star Island Annual Fund Update (Louise Williams) – [E – 2024 Annual Fund Progress Report](#)

Council of Conferences (Ann Etter) – [F – 2024 Council of Conferences Report](#)

Conference Evaluations (Ali Walton and Phil Quatrochi) – [G- 2024 Conference Evaluations](#)

All approved.

Star Island Status and Future Plans (Joe Watts)

2019 was all time attendance record–this year there were discounts, more financial aid, etc., AS1 had a lot of new folks.. Ended the season with an open house with over 300 people (half were new)

Challenges: Covid cases (about 54 known cases during the season, 38 conferees and 16 pelicans); most came during Star Union to AS1 and during faith development week. First medical airlift since 1991.

Special requests for upcoming year:

- Help get folks to work EOS in 2025
- Please give to the annual fund.

They just had a 2 day board retreat, and they are doing a feasibility study to see if it's time to do a large fundraising campaign.

Highlights of the 2024 Conference (Matthew and Michele Cohen) [H – All Star I 2024 Chairs' Report](#)

Speaker was well received, enrollment was up; we still need to recruit more families with young children.

2025 Conference Planning Status (Ali Walton and Phil Quatrochi) | – All Star | 2025 Chairs' Status Report

Speaker has been lined up, minister will be Nancy Wood

Elections (Dale Stewart) – [J – 2024 Nominating Committee Report](#)

Motion to approve, seconded, voting done via Zoom reactions, unanimous Yes

We still have an opening on the Financial Committee and the Executive Committee; Ali nominated Plasha Fielding Will and this was approved.

Louise Williams nominated Annie Steward for the financial aid committee and that was approved.

Treasurer's report and Budget (David Yermack) – [K – 2024 Treasurer's Report](#)



Key points

- Income from registration fees increased 64%, from \$20,190 in 2023 to \$33,165 in 2024
 - Recovery in conference attendance, back near prior levels
 - Significant increase in registration fees, now aligned with other Star Island family conferences
- Two cost areas significantly above budget
 - Financial aid: \$14,780 vs. budget of \$12,311
 - Speaker: \$7,352 vs. budget of \$3,110

David will amend the speaker cost for 2025 from 2K to 3K

Proposal to increase registration fees for adults from \$130 to \$135, and for kids from \$105 to \$110, with no family having to pay for more than 2 kids. This was approved.

Proposal to donate 12K from the auction to the Annual Fund. Approved.

New Business

Annual Fund: Discussion of goals for this year and next year. Decision made to try to increase participation and set a goal of \$100,000-110,00

Exec committee will meet on the 9/5/25 to select a new convenor as Keith Knox's terms are up.

Minutes submitted by Katy Biron