

MINUTES OF THE ATOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008
8:00 p.m. E.D.T.

President Double called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. E.D.T.

Officers Present: Ken Double, President; Craig Peterson, Vice President; Bob Evans, Secretary; Paul Van Der Molen; Treasurer. **Board Members Present:** Vern Bickel, Mike Cierski, Jelani Eddington, Michael Fellenzer, Allen Miller, Don Near, Doug Powers, Carlton Smith. **Youth Representative Present:** Tyler Morkin.

Staff Present: Tom Blackwell, Web Master; Mike Kinerk, Convention Planning Coordinator; Jim Merry, Executive Secretary; Jeff Weiler, Parliamentarian.

President Double declared a quorum.

The minutes of the 2008-3-24 Telephone Conference were approved with one minor address correction.

Old Business:

Youth Protection Policy:

- Jelani Eddington presented the draft form of a Youth Protection Policy for the Board's consideration. The recommended policy would not require automatic criminal background checks because it is broad in scope in order to cover all of ATOS youth activities. In this policy ATOS reserves the right to conduct background checks if deemed necessary on an individual activity basis. Each applicant for any position involved with youth would be subject to a check with the United States Government Sex Offender Database.

The board discussed this policy at great length. Some members wanted more stringent requirements. These members had suggested the inclusion of language that would allow the board of directors to conduct additional security measures, which might include a background criminal check.

The presenter(s) of the policy reminded the group that the policy was broad in scope to encompass all ATOS youth activities. ATOS will, under the terms of this policy, reserve the right to conduct any security checks appropriate to individual activities.

Bob Evans moved that we accept the Youth Protection Policy as presented by Jelani and his committee.

The vote: Yes: Peterson, Evans, Van Der Molen, Bickel, Eddington, Fellenzer, Miller, Powers, Smith. No: Cierski, Near.

NOTE: President Double offered the clarification that this vote was to accept the policy as **presented**. Those voting "yes" voted to accept the policy as **presented**. Those voting "no" were voting not to accept the policy as **presented**. No member of the board was voting against a youth policy.

Update on Youth Initiatives:

- Mike Cierski reported on the ATOS MySpace page. Ten people have signed up for the page. The question was asked about allowing older ATOS members to sign up for the page. That was not a problem.
Tyler Morkin then reported on the ATOS YouTube folder. The page was activated on April 15. Currently there are five videos. The videos have been viewed 495 times. This is very impressive. The Youth Initiatives are on the go!

Update on President/CEO Position:

- Bob Evans reported that the job description is complete and will be distributed very soon. The next move will be to create a broad evaluation instrument to chart the progress of the new administrator. This should be in place by the convention.
- Jelani Eddington was requested to examine the bylaws to determine what changes will be necessary because of the new administrative position.

Web Page Update:

- Tom Blackwell gave the board a progress report. He and Paul Jacyk are interviewing two web page designers. One of the designers looks promising as he or she will work within our scope of needs and our budget.

Convention and Convention Schedule Update:

- ATOS Board Members are to make their individual arrangements for registration, lodging, and travel. The travel day is July 2. The board will meet on July 3 in the "Vision Room" at the Hyatt Hotel. The CPC and Annual Convention Committee are optimistic about attendance and are sure that the convention will be a success.
- Mike Kinerk reported that the Youth Camp Hotel would be the Carol Springs Holiday Inn.

Archives Trip to North Dakota:

- Jeff Weiler, archival liaison, described the Eric Reeve collection that is now officially a part of the ATOS Archives. This collection has been appraised at over \$318,000. Coincidentally, the same person who appraised the Watergate tapes for the National Archives appraised this audio archive. The appraisal is accurate.

Election Update:

- Two candidates from the regular election will be seated at the annual board meeting in Indianapolis. These two gentlemen are the only two candidates who were nominated for the election. Only one candidate was nominated for the special election.
- President Double expressed the need for active recruitment of qualified candidates for the board. We need to encourage members to run.

Youth Camp Update:

- Plans are progressing for the second annual Summer Youth Camp. Once again, the camp will take place in and around Chicago, Illinois. Details will be given during the next telephone conference.
- Ken Double initiated a discussion of "interested directors" participating in the camp. We have two directors who are instructors for the Summer Youth Camp. Our Bylaws allow for this as long as the board has full knowledge and gives approval.

Fundraising Update:

- President Double reported that active solicitation of monetary gifts to ATOS has begun. He has several pledges of financial support.
- The Fundraising Committee should be in place by the summer. Ken has talked to many people regarding their participation on this committee.

New Business:

Member Request:

- A member asked why his candidacy for the ATOS Board of Directors was disqualified. President Double informed the member that his membership had lapsed over the allowed time. Therefore, by ATOS, policy he was not eligible to serve on the board.

Riviera Theater Funding Request:

- The Riviera Theater in North Tonawanda, New York has requested funds to pay for the work done to the Wurlitzer. This matter was tabled until more specific information is received.

Request for Increase in Funds for Scholarships:

- Carlton Smith requested an increase in scholarship funds to \$8,000. Eight students have applied for scholarships this year. Michael Fellenzer moved that the funds be increased to \$10,000. Paul Van Der Molen reminded the board that we have a budget process and that this request should be made before the new budget is prepared. Michael Fellenzer amended his motion to a request \$8,000 for this year only. If a larger amount is needed in the future the scholarship committee will work with the treasurer on a formal request within the times constraints required. The vote: 9 for, 2 abstentions.

President Double declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. E.D.T.

/s/ Bob Evans, Secretary

The meeting was conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*. Jeff Weiler, Parliamentarian