



**Business Professionals of America Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 26, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Debbie Darnell, called the meeting of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Board of Trustees (BOT) to order at 8:32 p.m. EST.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Debbie Darnell, Chair; Amy Riddle, Vice Chair; Evan Wolff, Treasurer; Shauna Williams, Secretary; Angie Benson; Athena Frank; Jason Hendrickson; Trent Hughes; Ryan Nkongnyu, Secondary National President; Sophia Pearson, Post-secondary National President; LouAnn Ross, Executive Director; Natasha Smith; Dianne Carroll.

Guests: Jonathan Gervasi, Michele Gordon, Heather Bunning, Amber McNew, Jonathan Smith, Ric Cowles, and John Lucas Guimares.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Athena moved to approve the November 30th minutes. Trent seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – See attached report

Evan Wolff, Board Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

POST-SECONDARY DIVISION UPDATE – See attached report

SECONDARY DIVISION UPDATE – See attached report

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT – See attached report

Jason Hendrickson, Committee Chairman, and Ryan Nkongnyu, Secondary National President, presented the National Officer Team social media activities during BPA Week for CTE month #Advocate4BPA.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT – See attached report

Dianne Carroll, Committee Chairman, presented the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1 - BPA Cares: The committee recommended no changes be made regarding the qualifying hours and/or money raised per member for this year. They further recommended a complete review be conducted during the BOT summer meeting. Amy moved to approve the recommendation, Sophia seconded the motion, and the motion was adopted.

Recommendation #2 – Torch Awards: Dianne moved that Torch Award resumes start over fresh each membership year beginning the 2021-2022 membership year, Angie seconded the motion. The motion failed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CALENDAR ADDITIONS

February 23, 2021 @ 8:30 EST

April 27, 2021 @ 8:30 EDT

Debbie will send out a new calendar to reflect these dates.

NATIONAL CENTER UPDATE – See attached report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:36 p.m. EST, and moved out of Executive Session at 11:32 p.m. EST.

The Board provided direction to the Executive Director and Strategic Programs & Experiences Director for the 2021 National Leadership Conference.

The Board adopted the V3a budget through February 2021.

The Board adopted to formally suspend the membership pins for the 2020-21 BPA membership year due to logistical and financial challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 p.m. EST.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2021 @ 8:30 p.m. EST.

Shauna Williams, Secretary
Minutes approved on February 23, 2021