



**CSUSA General Board Meeting  
Orlando, Florida  
November 13, 2022  
2:34 PM, EST**

**Chair-Chris Cameron**

- Chair Chris Cameron thanked Barb Bergin and her team for working so hard and delivering a successful conference.
- Chris stated CSUSA has been working on a program that will certify programs. She thanked the Training Committee for their hard work in putting on monthly training and encouraged all members to take advantage of this service offered through your CSUSA membership.
- Chris also encourages participants, if they are interested in serving on a committee, to contact her. This would be a good way of learning more about what the CSUSA board does and possibly becoming a board member.

**Vice Chair-Robert Dennistoun**

- Bob explained to the group that Regional Directors are assigned to assist each region in their issues that occur during the year. Please call them when you have questions.

**Secretary Report-Lori Massey**

- Lori asked the group for approval for the 2021 General Meeting Minutes. K. Scott Abrams made the motion to approve, Elaine Cloyd seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report-K. Scott Abrams sitting in for Dan Edwards**

- Scott reported Financial Reports for 2020 and 2021 at \$168,000 disbursed, net assets of \$6,000 and cash on hand at \$79,000 at the end of the year. A formal audit was not required but the financials were reviewed, and a Financial Analysis performed using bank statements. Scott showed pie charts to explain sources of funds and uses of funds. Elaine Cloyd moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Eddie Thibodeaux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Projects Director, Barb Bergin**

- Barb stated because of the storm, KYCS was not able to attend the conference, but they are still a sponsor. They would like to work with your local program with fundraising efforts. There will be virtual training in 2023 regarding this project.
- Barb stated she continues to train regions on the US Marshals project where the Marshals will reimburse programs up to \$500 for adopted cases. A small fee will be deducted if the program is not a CSUSA member.

- Barb stated one of our sponsors, Phillip Morris International (PMI) has asked that we be involved in their projects, especially addressing the problem of illegal trade. More information will follow.

#### **Nominating Committee-Margaret Jones**

- Margaret stated there are 277 paid programs.
- Margaret stated Regional Directors representing even numbered regions would be sworn in. Directors included; Michael Lawson, Heather Ramos, Linda Finley and James McDonald. Judge Carter administered the oath of office.

#### **Legal Report-Richard Carter**

- Richard explained to the group that he provides a monthly legal report to the board. He suggested contacting your regional director for issues/questions and if they are not able to find an answer, he can assist. If you do not know your regional director, he suggested asking a CSUSA board member.

#### **Training Committee-Cheryl Sinicola & Natalie Salazar**

- Natalie thanked those who have been in online training sessions for 2022. The next training will be on November 29<sup>th</sup> and concentrate on year end issues. This will be taught by Scott Abrams. She also suggested programs prepare a year-end report and to keep track of what you accomplished in 2022 so you can submit an application for the 2023 conference awards. In December, there will be a fireside chat. For any training issues or suggestions, email [Training@crimestoppersusa.com](mailto:Training@crimestoppersusa.com).

#### **PR Committee-Julie Lopez**

- Julie asked the group if they were interested in serving on the PR Committee which includes; social media, newsletter and marketing, to contact her.
- Julie has been working with Bob Lausten from Omaha Crime Stoppers and to put together a flier that can be used for all programs. It will show the tip process and what we do. Each program can make the brochure theirs adding their tagline and/or QR Code. Scott Abrams has been putting together our newsletter called 'Solved' and we need your stories. Please send your successes to [Newsletter@crimestoppersusa.com](mailto:Newsletter@crimestoppersusa.com)

#### **2023 Conference**

- Chris made the announcement that the 2023 conference will be held in Modesto, CA and hosted by Stanislaus Crime Stoppers. She introduced Dashaun Winston, President of Stanislaus Crime Stoppers. He told the group his program is excited to host the 2023 conference and will be working hard to make it a success.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM, EST

Respectively,  
Lori Massey  
Secretary, CSUSA