

**ACJS ZOOM BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**November 7, 2020
Time: 11:00am EST
Zoom Conference Call**

IN ATTENDANCE: Cassia Spohn (President), Heather Pfeifer (1st Vice-President) Denise Paquette Boots (2nd Vice-President), Prabha Unnithan (Immediate Past President), Marlyn Jones (Treasurer), Erin Orrick (Secretary), Anthony Peguero (Trustee-At-Large), Lorenzo Boyd (Trustee-At-Large), Cathy Marcum (Trustee-At-Large), Cassandra Reyes (Region 1 Trustee), Chad Posick (Region 2 Trustee), Melissa Burek (Region 3 Trustee), Christine Nix (Region 4 Trustee), Stephanie Mizrahi (Region 5 Trustee), John Worrall (Executive Director), Letiscia Perrin (Association Manager)

- **ACTION ITEM:** Vote on the status of the Orlando Annual Meeting
 - Spohn updated the Board on the statuses of the conferences of other like organizations.
 - Worrall updated the Board on discussions with the attorneys and what to expect if the Board votes to cancel.
 - Mizrahi updated the Board on the status of the current submissions.
- A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Mizrahi to cancel the in person 2021 Orlando Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.
 - The Board discussed options for possibly offering a virtual option in lieu of the canceled 2021 Annual Meeting.
 - Spohn recommended forming an ad hoc committee or work with the program committee to come up with proposals to present to the Board and discussed the timeline of when proposal are needed and a decision would be made.
 - Many of the Board members expressed support for offering a shortened complementary for members virtual option.
 - The Board discussed the process for notifying the membership, including handling options for refunds.
- Worrall updated the Board on the status of CJRA contracts.
- **DISCUSSION ITEM:** If the board wants to charge the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to draft some language regarding suspending the bylaws in an emergency.
 - Article IV of the constitution deals with Executive Board officers, section 3 states that No officer except the Treasurer may serve consecutive terms in the same office. Article X states that the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members of the Academy voting on the amendment.
 - Spohn updated the Board on discussions with the Committee chairs to be charged with drafting the language.
 - The Board discussed the difficulties with making these changes.
 - Spohn recommend and the Board agreed that no further action be taken at this time.