Aengus Finnan, Executive Director

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Smith at 10:45 AM and opened a brainstorming session for FAI 2018 conference, seeking board ideas and suggestions for others who should be at the table for the 30th anniversary discussions.

Introductions of the working board and all guests were made.

Guests present:
Diane Tankle - NERFA - was at Malibu
Art Menius - IBMA founder - was at Malibu
  5-year ED at FAI
  SERFA
Dave Humphries - founded Chicago Coffeehouse in 1970
  Invited to Malibu but didn’t make it
  Every year since Philly
  Former President
Derek Andrews - Canada
  Former FAI board
Erin Benjamin - Canada
  Former FAI board
  Music Canada Live - ED
  1st FA – Jacksonville

Notes were taken from the brainstorming session and will be used for continued discussion of the 2018 conference planning.
Aengus wrapped up the brainstorming session at 12:05 PM. The board will reconvene at 5:00 PM in order to discuss committee updates and assignments for 2017.

**Break**

In the absence of President Matt Smith, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Lisa Schwartz at 5:10 PM. Matt arrived at 5:13 PM.

In attendance:
- Lynn Cingari
- Michelle Conceison
- Donald Davidoff
- lou DeMarco
- Ralph Jaccodine
- Joan Kornblith (joined at 5:20)
- Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner (left at 5:35)
- Sam Lee
- Michael Kornfeld
- Deana McCloud
- Tim McFadden
- Amy Reitnouer
- Lisa Schwartz
- Matt Sever
- Alka Sharma
- Matt Smith (joined at 5:13)
- Ellen Stanley (joined at 5:13)
- Mary Sue Twohy (left at 5:35)
- Erika Wollam-Nichols

Executive Director Aengus Finnan joined the meeting at 5:40 PM.

A discussion was held about new members’ interest in the various committees and areas of interest as well as some redistribution of committee assignments.

The goals of the membership committee were defined in regard to research and cultivation of new members.

An anniversary task force will be formed as a subcommittee and will be staff driven per Aengus’ directive.

**Motion:** To approve committee assignments as read by secretary  
Moved by: Tim McFadden  
Seconded by: Michael Kornfeld  
Result: Approved

**Action Item:** Deana will update the Google Doc noting new members and committee assignments.

Matt opened the floor for a discussion of the next face-to-face meeting. That meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 24; however, based on members’ schedules, it was decided to reschedule the date. In advance of the 30th anniversary, a proposal was made to return to where FAI began. Amy recommended holding the meeting in Pasadena, with members flying
into Burbank as an option.

In regard to the date for the FAI board meeting, Michael suggested that we avoid scheduling on the same date as NERFA’s regional meeting. Members were in agreement to hold the April 24 meeting via conference call and schedule the face-to-face meeting for May 21-22. Members will fly to California on May 20, and fly out on May 23.

Motion: Adjust 2017 meeting schedule to include phone meeting for April 24 and exploring details of having the in person meeting in Pasadena with members arriving May 20, meeting May 21 and 22, and flying out on May 23.

Moved by: Ellen Stanley
Seconded by: Alka Sharma
Result: Motion passed with one abstention

Aengus distributed Conflict of Interest agreements to board members and advised all to sign those before leaving.

Michelle Conceison moved to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.