**Minutes of the Business Meeting of**

**The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historians**

At Lisa Diller’s Home,

Chatanooga, Tennessee

7.30 pm, April 15, 2023

There was a desire to avoid competing sessions. That could be done by recording them or having papers submitted. (John M, Kevin B)

Some participants wanted to publish the papers they presented. Those not planning to submit their papers for publication were encouraged to send them to Bruce Lo. (Dr. Owusu-Mensa)

Contact historians at the world SDA universities to invite historians from other places—the official folks need to know (Dr. Owusu-Mensa)

Encourage panels rather than lone wolf papers (Willy)

If papers are going to be published on-line they should be Password protected (Michael Campbell)

Consider reformatting how ASDAH connects with the wider guild—AHA/CFH? One day conferences that connect with other conferences to save money (Michael Campbell)

Virtual meetings in between? (maybe yearly)—whether to give papers or just have collegial conversations about what’s appealing (Brenden Bliss, Willy Logan)

Perhaps start chapters in other parts of the world; international research/meetings

Be sure to have Keynote to start the conference—it sets us (Joan)

Directory/contact list for attendees should be distributed to attendees.

Having responses and discussion around a theme when we are all together for dinner- worship moment leading into Sabbath for Friday night (Kathryn Van Arsdale)

Make space for jet lag—rest spots within the schedule. (Brenden)

Recommend looking at adding web person to bylaws (Brenden)

In email debrief—send officer info, directory. Ask people to consider what they want for Zoom topics/discussion/book clubs.

Advocate for history departments and prioritize the formal study of history in our school:

Specific people should be chosen to approach administrations. There can also be petitions where members of ASDAH can sign their support.

Alert ASDAH when something is happening that people need to be aware of.

Focus on showing how we are the face of Adventism. Maybe asking that Adventist history be taught by historians. Partner with the library to make school/Adventist identity fun and exciting.

Use public-facing work to make all of us look good, even as we tell important good stories.

Perhaps booklets, etc ASDAH branding, such as swag.

**Discuss these ideas with the executive team.**

**Convince church/donors that history is mission/witnessing**

**Endowments—**need to raise money.

**Executive Team**

Lisa Diller--president

Greg/Monique—planning team

Ed Allen—Secretary/Treasurer

Newsletter—Katie/Howard

Phillip Warfield at large

Bruce Lo (webmaster?)