

## **2026-02-03 QCA Board Meeting**

Notes by Heather

**Attendees:** Damarra, Amanda, Heather, Daniel, Jerry, Sherilyn

Call to order 8:44 PM

### **Treasurer Report (Daniel)**

Current total funds \$8,331.90

ACLU donation from the charity auction has been made.

Humane Society donation has been made.

Akeome Con funds have yet to be deposited. \$155.76

Daniel would like to consolidate the savings and checking accounts into one account. There are fees for the savings account if we don't have activity.

Still need to update insurance, BMI cancellation, update/cancel various accounts no longer in use without a convention. Need to set up a second person with access to PayPal. Currently focused on finishing the 2025 taxes, so have not completed the itemized spend report for 2025 yet.

Damarra suggests someone other than themselves to be the second on the PayPal account as they and Daniel are roommates. Amanda volunteers.

### **Completed Tasks**

Damarra - Union Depot is holding an open house for organizers to showcase themselves as an event venue. Two board members will be attending.

President email inbox has been created. Need to decide if VP address should be created.

New board meeting cadence: First Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

Jan 2026 meeting recording has been uploaded to the Drive. Need to discuss whether to continue posting the recordings to the website or just the written minutes. Amanda points out that she has already been adding the recordings to the site.

Daniel - 1099-NECs have been filed. Tax laws have now changed so that 1099-NECs are no longer required unless we pay someone more than \$2000.

### **In-Progress Tasks**

Damarra - Lab coats and T-shirts for staff are still in progress. They have the coats but still need to bring them to the print shop. They apologize to people who are waiting.

The September, December, and January meeting notes need to be added to the website and uploaded to our Google Drive. Derek, the previous Secretary, has sole possession of those notes and needs to be the one to upload them. Damarra has been trying to connect with Derek about this, some have been uploaded but not all of them. Also, Derek did not drop off the mailbox key today as planned.

Damarra requests to set a date for a meeting specifically to discuss QCA/Fusion's goals for the coming year and its online presence, including social media, website content, and Discord. The initial meeting will be only for people currently in board roles, but a public poll will be created to collect input from the community. Meeting set for this Saturday February 7th at 8pm.

Heather did not evaluate the need for paid Elementor services before we were billed again. She offers to donate the money to cover that fee as this was her responsibility. We therefore have another paid year of Elementor tools for the website.

### **New Items**

We neglected to send out proper notice of tonight's meeting. The time was also shifted until 8:30pm due to Minnesota caucuses happening tonight. Heather will be taking over this task going forward as Secretary. 10 days notice of regular board meetings is required by the bylaws.

Damarra wants to move QCA staff communications from Discord to Slack. They have run into a lot of challenges tracking things and communicating using Discord. They also find that most people's Discord is flooded with other traffic and QCA/Fusion notifications get lost. Slack is designed more for business use, is more secure, and has less competing traffic. It is also better with calendars and reminders and other business communication needs. Public communication and social use will continue on Discord.

Heather does not object but points out that decisions like this should be made by the entire board as a team rather than announced as a unilateral decision.

Damarra has already started setting up Slack for QCA with the Pro plan for free as a nonprofit organization. It includes all the basic features we need.

OutFront 2026 Youth Summit - we had an info table there last year that got a lot of traffic. Most attendees are teenagers in high school. There aren't many cultural or social organizations involved, so QCA was a rare gem. We have been invited back and asked if we want to run a workshop. We have offered to do both the table and a workshop on how to run events. It's also a good networking opportunity. Registration is free but also accepts voluntary donations. Damarra asks if we would like to make a donation? \$50 is the suggested amount. Board seems amenable to this amount. Damarra motions we donate \$50. Amanda seconds. Vote passes unanimously. Damarra will proceed with the donation.

A new energy drink brand offered to donate drinks to the convention. We do not have a convention currently, but Damarra is still going to look into the company further in case it might be a good option for other events.

Need to discuss how to handle email accounts and the Fusion Google Drive now that QCA itself is the focus of the organization. This will be part of this Saturday's meeting.

### **Open Floor** (aieeee!)

Amanda - Our November meeting is currently scheduled for Election Day. Amanda suggests pushing the start time to 8:30pm, but Damarra recommends moving the meeting entirely to another day.

The November board meeting will be moved to Nov 2nd at 8pm. Passes unanimously.

Daniel requests we decide on consolidating the bank accounts. Board members seem agreeable to this. Damarra motions to close the savings account and have only the checking account. Amanda seconds. Passes unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday March 3rd at 8 PM, on FCC as usual. Notifications need to go out 10 days in advance.

Damarra motions to adjourn. Amanda seconds. Passes unanimously.

Adjourned 9:35 PM.