

“Am I not a man and a brother?”

# PAS

PENNSYLVANIA ABOLITION SOCIETY  
Organized 1775

## Annual Meeting April 28, 2011

### Annual Meetings 2010:

- Minutes approved by the Members

### Grant Committee Report and Recommendation:

- Grants awards to 8 organizations, \$22.5K : Cliveden, Fair Hill\*, Eden Cemetery\*, Historic Philadelphia, HSP, Jump Street\*, National Park Service, PHC (Items with \* paid by Philadelphia Foundation).

Approved by Governors.

- **Grant Application guidelines and review process – Discussion**
  - Members need more info than a spreadsheet listing, but giving all members copies of the full proposals is probably not useful
  - Suggestion: a cover sheet with the essentials that can be scanned as a PDF and sent in advance; provision for members to review full grants prior to Governors' meeting (over lunch, perhaps?)
  - Funding will be limited to specific projects; geographic area is the same; no annual theme
  - Little and Wilson-Aden to provide revised guidelines
  - Someone (Blanchard?) to find a couple of cover sheet models
  - Was it agreed to move the deadline to mid-January?
  - There was discussion about large vs. small organizations and whether PAS wanted to provide seed money for smaller orgs. Consensus was to leave things alone, that both large and small orgs can benefit

Grant Guidelines submitted by the Committee Approved by the Governors, except for the letter of intent.

Operational and Business Issues:

- **Overarching decisions are needed on PAS future – To be addressed by the Governors over the year with recommendations to Members at 4/2012 Annual Meeting. Members agreed to work on this over the year.**
  - Primary Objective – Program Continuity: Make plan for sustaining the organization's charitable and social commitment and securing assets organization continues to shrink. Where assets should be placed? How does PAS continue stewardship role?
  - Secondary Objective – Program Growth: Continue to explore ways to grow membership and organization. Should PAS be a separate 501(c)(3)? What kinds of resources and organizational capacities are needed to do and sustain this?

Business manager to help guide effort by gathering information to help inform Governors' discussions and decisions. -- Members authorized an initial \$3K for the purpose.

Member Guide:

- Secretary will circulate again for comment with work plan for operational work.

Business Manager's Invoice:

- Members authorized payment of business manager's \$420 invoice for services rendered.

Election of Officers and Governors:

- Current slate reinstated, except for Treasurer and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Need to look for a Treasurer -- in the meantime, Cindy, Theo and Walt can sign checks. David Smith will continue accountant duties. Walt will get new checks from bank and also find Wells-Fargo certificates. VCS will prepare grant award letter and send to Walt for check processing.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Charles Woodson replaced by Zelbert Moore (New Paltz, New York)

Respectfully Submitted,

V. Chapman-Smith  
Secretary