



**Pennsylvania - Delaware Chapter**  
**Association for Education and Rehabilitation**  
**of the Blind and Visually Impaired**

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**Penn-Del AER General Meeting Minutes APPROVED**

**Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**Time: 11:25am**

**Location: in person**

**Welcome**

Holly Russell, President

**Attendance and Minutes**

Approved meeting minutes from April 2022

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance of \$47,705.98 as of 3/31

**2022-2023 Highlights**

- Vince McVeigh and Mary Nelle honored at the AER International Conference in St. Louis
- Strategic plan revisions
- Improved communication with members

**Strategic Plan Overview**

- Board strategic planning of strengths and challenges related to our field
- We have engaged Kathy Welsh Beveridge for support
- Themes: membership, leadership development, mentorship, advocacy for the field, professional development, board improvement

**Old Business**

- We are looking for volunteers to be on committees

**Committee Updates**

*Bylaws:* No bylaws changes

*Communications:* Website Updates, MailChimp eblasts, Social Media Posts, Dropbox Management, Shift from Survey Monkey to Google Forms, Document Templates

*Membership:* 174 active members, Friday is Penn-Del spirit day!

*Memorial:* Honored 2 members of our field who have passed away

*Nominations:*

- Board members whose terms have come to an end: Kerry Lueders, Jeanne Aaron, and Alexis Morrison
- Vacancies/ nominees
  - President-elect: Greg Lazur

- 2 Directors-at-Large: Jamie Maffet (Eastern), Lachelle Smith (Eastern), Greg Gerhart (Central), Becky Knaub (Central)
- Student representative: Matt Love from Kutztown University
- Current Directors-at-Large
  - Western PA District: Brenda Egan, Mary Nelle McLennan
  - Central PA District: Mary Daubenspeck, Becky Knaub, Tracy Whitehead, Doug Williams
  - Eastern PA District: Nancy Ashley, Mark Richert, Mark Steciw, Eva Worsley Press, Lachelle Smith
  - Delaware District: Oluyomi Koya, Susan Barton, Erin Weaver
- Penn-Del AER Officers
  - Holly Russell, President
  - Maria Lepore-Stevens, President-Elect
  - Vince McVeigh, Treasurer
  - Ashley Popojas, Secretary

*Conference Planning:*

- Return to full conference schedule
- Three outstanding general session speakers
- Thirty-two concurrent sessions with three roundtable sessions
- Awards ceremony and reception
- Silent Auction
- Exhibitors
- Social and networking events

**Membership Drawing Winners**

- Amazon: Jeannine Penzone, Joanna Graham
- Target: Alicia Wood
- Michael's: Becky Knaub
- \$100 Visa: Doug Yeager
- Free conference in 2024: Fabiana Perla, Marla Moon