# CTA Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2020

Attending were:

CTA President Lee Ann Bain, Treasurer Robin Hillyer-Miles, Vice president Julia Fox, Member-At-Large Broderick Christoff, Member-At-Large Jay Walker, Member-At-Large Alexander Levine, Member-At-Large Pat Mellen, Member-At-Large Alan Rosenfeld, Secretary Serge Polyachenko

**Previous Business:**

1. Paypal payments & fees for membership were discussed but no progress had been made since the last board meeting.
2. The issue regarding the CTA's tax status was addressed. Robin will call the IRS to follow up & Broderick offered to contact his tax attorney for advice. The option being that the CTA may simply start over with the correct non-profit tax status.
3. The CTA brochure is temporarily on hold as the COVID-19 lockdown prevents entry to the libraries needed to complete it. Once the ban is lifted the brochure should be completed shortly after. The possibility of sending an email to CTA membership for assistance in the brochure's production was discussed.
4. The CTA's request for a waiver of the tourism tax due to the city's lockdown has not received a response from the City. Lee Ann & Broderick will review new possible contacts to expedite the process.
5. There has been no new development with the National Parks & due to the coronavirus shutdown the situation is now under reassessment.

**Current Business:**

1. Given the financial hardship placed on so many local guides during the cities' lockdown, a measure to delay the due date for membership fees was approved unanimously. The measure extended the payment deadline to December 1st, 2020 but allowed a 10% discount to members paying before June 30th, 2020.
2. The board unanimously agreed that the CTA must be involved in the city's plan to reopen to tourism. Options were discussed on how to allow the CTA's participation in the process, including reaching out to numerous contacts within the tourism industry.
3. The tour guide award was discussed & board members will send their votes to Lee Ann for a candidate.