



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2019 Annual Meeting – Denver, CO**

Office or Committee Name: Finance Committee
Officer or Chairperson Name: Phil Banks
Date of Preparation (include year): 3/1/19

WSWS Finance Committee Conference Call Minutes from February 26, 2019

The call was initiated at 9:00 am Pacific Time.

Present on the call were: Phil Banks, Chair; Tim Seipel, member; Eric Gustafson, Business Manager; and Stan Cooper, RBC Financial Advisor.

Absent: Josh Adkins, member; Andrew Kniss, WSWS President; Pat Clay, WSWS President Elect; and Lynn Sosnoskie, WSWS Board Contact for the committee.

Phil Banks introduced the committee to Stan Cooper, the WSWS Financial Advisor and reviewed the duties of the committee.

Eric Gustafson reviewed the current financial status of WSWS. Below are the current accounts and totals.

Bank Accounts

10000 American Heritage Bank -Checking 520	47,577.70
10100 American Heritage Bank - MM-748	101,762.84
10200 AHB -CD#3 - 87815 - 10/14/22	25,463.95
10300 AHB CD#4 - 87816 - 10/14/20	25,351.23
10400 AHB CD#5 - 87817 - 10/14/19	25,477.26
10500 AHB CD#6 - 87818 - 10/14/20	25,603.60
10600 AHB CD#7 - 87819 - 10/14/21	25,730.26
10700 RBC Wealth Management -30622871	190,514.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 467,480.84

Eric said that the current registration for the Denver meeting is 226.

Stan Cooper went over our investments in RBC and noted that the 4th quarter of 2018 was a down quarter for the year and our investment had dropped by approximately \$15,000 for the year. However, January and February of 2019 were better, and we had recovered approximately \$4000 of that loss. He indicated that 2019 would probably be another up and down year with uncertainty due to several things and that the forecast for 2020 could involve a recession. Our current Asset Allocation is below.

16.28% Cash
10.12% International and Global Stock
18.01% Bonds
16.94% Managed Futures
16.11% Global Long/Short Stock
22.54% Hedged S&P 500

He recommended that instead of moving our cash (approximately \$31,000) into the other investments, we should purchase short term CDs to ride out the next year. He recommended a mix of 6, 12, and 18-month maturities with an average return of 2.5%. The committee agreed this should be done. He did not think we needed to change anything in the Operating Guide related to our investment guidelines (currently it is “as much as 100% in bonds/cash and no more than 65% in stocks).

We reviewed the current operating procedures for the Finance Committee and recommend the following changes.

Change paragraph 1. To: “Review the financial records and records of property of the Society quarterly and report to the Board of Directors.” The current IMI accounting policy is to send a report on Financial Status and Financial Activities monthly to the committee. The committee can meet via conference call to review this information.

Change paragraph 6. To: Delete the last sentence of the paragraph.

Eric agreed to create a budget for the upcoming 2019-20 fiscal year basing it on the average of the past two fiscal years.

We also recommend that the Finance Committee be made up of 4 members instead of three with the Chair of the committee serving in their third year. Currently, the newest member of the committee becomes chair with only one year of service on the committee.

We discussed possible new committee members and a recommendation to the President will be made at the annual meeting. The committee will meet at the Denver meeting on Tuesday at 8:00 am in the Summit room.

The call was finished at 9:45 am Pacific time.