

# International Association of Panoramic Photographers

Board Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2013

Present: Paul Speaker - President; Syd Moen, Fran Gardino, Gavin Farrell - Board Members

Absent: Glenn Cope - Past President, Tom Sheckels - Treasurer, Dave Kutz - Secretary; Jeff Weber - Board Member; Bryan and Dawn Snow - Publications and Website

The meeting was called to order by *Paul Speaker* at 5:35 pm PST.

The minutes from the November 26, 2013 meeting were held for approval at the next meeting, to be held January 28, 2014.

The Treasurer's Report was held for acceptance at the next meeting, as well. *Tom Sheckels* reported (via email) that he had resent our request to the IRS after Thanksgiving, and will follow up before Christmas, to ensure our case is in the proper hands.

*Dave Kutz* reported (via email) that there was no activity to report from the Secretary.

Committee Reports:

**Education/Workshops:** *Fran Gardino* reported that the Boston Calumet office is too busy during the Christmas season for the intended pano workshop, but that it should happen in the first quarter of 2014.

**QPP/Certification, PEC, BRE, Membership, Publications/Website, Awards** - all had no activity to report.

**2014 Conference Planning:** The results of the IAPP Member Survey were presented by *Syd Moen*. Of particular interest was the answer to the question of where to go in October, 2014. As tabulated, there appeared to be a tie between New Mexico and Utah destinations. *Tom Sheckels* had indicated in his email (referenced above) that he hadn't voted, but, if asked, would prefer Albuquerque over Utah. *Paul Speaker* also reported that he hadn't voted, and also had a preference for New Mexico.

*Fran Gardino* moved, and *Gavin Farrell* seconded, that our next conference be held in the Santa Fe/Albuquerque area in October, 2014. Passed by unanimous voice vote. During the discussion which followed several ideas were put forth re where to have the conference, including trying to find a large B&B which could house our attendees over a hotel site. The question of AV equipment arose, and *Paul Speaker* stated that *George Pearl* will be asked to supply the projector, again. *Gavin Farrell* agreed to develop a list of speakers and topics for the conference.

*Gavin* also brought up the idea of making the conference readily available to our members who can't physically attend through virtual webcasts of the presentations, either as a live session, or as a recorded/archived presentation. He explained that Q&A is possible as part of the new Google Plus Hangout service—*Gavin* will explore this possibility. Also, pertaining to the conference, *Bill Bailey*, the CEO of Nodal Ninja, should be on our invite list—he'll be coming from Arizona, and many of our members use his products.

In projecting future conferences, the survey indicated that Banff/Lake Louise/Jasper in Alberta, Canada had a following, and could provide a scenic locale for a conference in April, 2016.

From the survey, it is apparent that *the Panorama* is a valued asset. Discussion followed about how we could best assist Bryan Snow in this endeavor.

There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by *Fran Gardino*. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm (PST).

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Speaker, acting secretary  
2013-14 President, IAPP

Next meeting (call in) will be Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 5:30 pm (PST)/8:30 pm (EST).  
The phone # is 866-848-2216, conference call #: 3662526554#

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Following the meeting, (Thursday, 12-19-2013) I made inquiries for assistance from the Santa Fe Conference and Visitor Bureau. Information on hotels, etc, should be headed my way within the week. For planning purposes, it should be noted that Santa Fe is 67 miles north of Albuquerque, just over an hour's drive via I-25. While Santa Fe has an airport, the major airport most of our attendees will wish to use is at Albuquerque. The annual Balloon Fiesta runs from Saturday, October 4 through Sunday, October 12. While the Dawn Patrol is scheduled for 5:30 am every day of the Fiesta, mass ascensions of balloons are scheduled for the mornings of the 4<sup>th</sup> (Sa), 5<sup>th</sup> (Su), 8<sup>th</sup> (We), 11<sup>th</sup> (Sa), and 12<sup>th</sup> (Su) at the much more reasonable hour of 7am. Sunrise will be at 7:50am on the 8<sup>th</sup>, with sunset at 7:25pm. Daylight savings time may change this by one hour. For evening events, the AfterGlow and fireworks shows are set for 8 pm on the evenings of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11th.

After Imaging USA, (Phoenix, AZ, January 12-14, 2014) I intend to continue east to visit Santa Fe and Albuquerque (and the Bosque del Apache, in particular), and will research the area for photo ops, for a full report at our next meeting. No contracts will be executed until we have all had an opportunity to review what is available. For budget purposes, I'm counting on between 30 and 40 attendees in Santa Fe, and maybe another 40 to 60 online (?). Note that I keep saying Santa Fe—if we schedule for anytime during the week of the Balloon Fiesta, the room availability in Albuquerque will be limited, and will come with a premium cost. I'm thinking that Santa Fe won't be as impacted. I expect that we should aim to keep our budget similar to what we expended in Everett, WA this past April. As a subheading under 2014 Conference Planning for the January agenda, either Tom or I will make the figures available to you all, for comparison purposes. I'm hoping we can hold the line on the cost of the conference to keep it pretty much the same as at Everett.

Paul