

International Association of Panoramic Photographers

Board Meeting Minutes June 25, 2013

Present: Paul Speaker-President, Tom Sheckels-Treasurer, Dave Kutz-Secretary, Jeff Weber, Fran Gardino, Syd Moen, Gavin Farrell- Board Members. Dawn Snow-Webmaster, Bryan Snow-Publications Editor.
Absent: Glenn Cope-Past President

The meeting was called to order by Paul Speaker at 8:33 pm (EDT).

Paul Speaker made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 28, 2013 meeting as presented. 2nd by Syd Moen. Motion carried.

Tom Sheckels reviewed the current balances in our accounts. Received conference expenses from David Orbock for foamcore and group photos and from George Pearl for shipping sound gear. Tom presented the association's current account balances to date:

Paypal account	\$6,202.00
Checking account	\$4,478.00
Money Market	\$10,838.00
Total	\$21,518.00

Tom updated the board of IRS non-profit status review. He talked with an IRS agent who indicated that no action had been taken on the review. The agent was going to place a second request for review in the agency's system.

Dave Kutz reported that he is reviewing the current policy manual for any changes and/or additions to keep up to date.

The position for President-Elect was still open and will be pushed to a future meeting. Paul Speaker will be contacting David Orbock for advice on who might be considered as good candidates for the office.

The board members reviewed the proposed meeting calendar for 2013-2014 and accepted the monthly meeting format.

President Paul Speaker sent out items that the board may want to incorporate into the association's mission statement. Tom Sheckels and Syd Moen made a reference to the current mission statement that is now contained in Article 1 (under Name) of the by-laws. Gavin Farrell made the point about having the mission statement short and to the point. After discussion the board directed the webmaster to make the current mission statement more noticeable on the website (either a separate page or near the top of the home page).

Dave Kutz will work with Dawn Snow on checking the service records and updating them. Dave will prepare a email blast for the webmaster to send out to the general membership to remind them about the service awards system and to give the Everett attendees and presenters a chance to update their awards.

Committee reports -

Education/Workshops: Fran Gardino reported that the panoramic workshop in Boston at Calumet Photo will be held either Sept. 7th or Sept 21st. It will be an all day event with a mix of classroom instruction in the morning combined with a working photography and stitching session in the afternoon. There was some discussion about who would present at workshops and the costs associated. It was decided to keep the presenters working in their own regional areas to keep any costs low. Calumet is interested about including a panoramic workshop in their other cities. Looking at the Boston location as a test case.

QPP/Certification: no report

PEC - Print Exhibition Committee/Contests: no report

BRE - By-laws, Rules and Ethics: no report

Membership: Dawn Snow gave the board an overview of the past years Epson award winners, how many exercised their free membership and how many have continued subscribing after their free membership lapsed. She also indicated that since the Tucson conference that our numbers have dropped down to approximately one quarter (600 down to 153). There was discussion on what is the value of an IAPP membership when so much information is free on the internet. Jeff Weber and Gavin Farrell brought up the point that we need to contact equipment suppliers and partner with them to offer discounts to our members.

Publications/Web Site: Dawn Snow reported that a conflict between wild apricot and paypal seems to be resolved and people are not having their membership payments rejected. Bryan Snow repeated that unless a year's worth of articles were submitted that the e-monitor would probably be shut down after the August 2013 issue instead of going into a partial year.

2014 Conference Planning - As time was running short the conference planning was briefly discussed. No alternate site to Albuquerque has been approved to date. The board is going to put out a survey to the membership as to where and why they would like the next conference site.

There being no other business Paul Speaker moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Fran Gardino. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm (EDT).

Next meeting (call in) will be Tuesday, July 23rd at 8:30 pm EDT.
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