

International Association of Panoramic Photographers

Board Meeting Minutes April 18, 2013

Present: Glenn Cope, Paul Speaker, David Orbock, Tom Sheckels, David Kutz, Jeff Weber, Fran Gardino, Sydney Moen, Nancy Speaker, Bryan Snow, Dawn Snow.

Excused: Gavin Farrell

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Cope at 9:15 am. Glenn welcomed new board members Sydney Moen, Fran Gardino and Gavin Farrell to the board.

David Orbock brought up a By-laws conflict with the latest election. The President and President-Elect may only serve one term. In order to not suspend the current By-laws the board decided to have Glenn Cope move to the office of Past President and have Paul Speaker start his term as President. The office of President-elect would be a vacant position until the board meets again and establishes a search committee to fill that position for the current term. (A motion to move these officers was made by Sydney Moen and 2nd by Jeff Weber. The motion was carried.)

Paul Speaker took over the position of President and continued the board meeting.

There was a discussion to change the present board meetings to a skype format and it was decided to keep to the current phone only system in place for the foreseeable future. The board will now hold monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 8:30 pm EDT.

There was discussion about starting to use Google docs or Survey Monkey as a method to conduct business. Decision was to keep to current email notices with word doc and PDF formats.

REPORTS

Treasurer Tom Sheckels brought new board member up to date on current accounts and tax exempt status. The Treasurer also gave preliminary numbers for the current conference receipts and expenses (to be finalized once all expenses are in).

\$3485.00 - conference fees collected
-\$1862.54 - Holiday Inn cost
-\$188.01 - Beverage service
-\$235.86 - Gavin Farrell room comp
-\$131.00 - Bar service at banquet

-\$585.00 - Ads placed in Outdoor Photographer Magazine online edition

The Treasurer also reported a \$500.00 sponsorship by Fotoman as well as a \$200.00 sponsorship by a member in Moscow. There was one conference fee of \$185.00 that will be refunded to a registered member who was not able to attend at the last minute (rather than hold the fee till the next conference).

BUSINESS

Mission Statement - Paul Speaker brought up the topic of a review and revision of the current mission statement of the organization. Jeff Weber made a motion to table the mission statement until a survey could be sent out to the entire membership for input and intent. Motion was 2nd by Glenn Cope and the motion carried.

Updates - It was decided that the current policy manual would be reviewed by the Secretary and necessary changes be recommended. This document should be reviewed on an annual basis. A motion was presented by Glenn Cope and 2nd by Tom Sheckels for the Secretary to review the current policy manual for changes and updates and for the Secretary to check on awards and merits to bring these lists up to date. The motion carried.

Service Awards/tracking & records - Dawn Snow gave the board members the current Wild Apricot user information so the board members can check the site. Dawn and David Orbock will check in to service awards, and see how to make it easier for members to keep track of their awards.

Education/workshops - Paul Speaker brought up a discussion about credits for local workshops (if a member was paid there would be not credits, if not paid then they would earn credits 0).

David Orbock asked the board about the possibility of looking at obtaining an IRS license for the association to be able to send educational photo groups to Cuba.

Fran Gardino mentioned that Calumet Photo asked him to give a workshop on panoramic photography in the Boston area. The board discussed the possibility of working with Calumet to expand this to some of their other markets in the U.S.

QPP/Certification - Glenn Cope has volunteered to take over George Pearl's duties as the QPP coordinator. Glenn and Jeff Weber will be developing revised/updated test questions (to reflect the use of digital techniques as well as film).

PEC - Paul Speaker thanked all members for participating in the print competition submissions. Glenn Cope thanked Dawn Snow, Nancy Speaker and Bryan Snow for coordinating the competition. The board discussed the problem of prints falling off the wall and what solutions could be worked out for the next competition. Jeff Weber made a motion to consider 1 free print entry with the conference fee and a small fee on each additional entry. These fees would be added to grow the Fowler foundation fund for education. (1 free print with conference fee, \$5.00 per additional entry.) It was 2nd by Glenn Cope and the motion carried. Members of the PEC committee will also work on finding outside jurors to judge the competitions in addition to the current peoples choice selection from the attendees.

Publications/Web Site - Bryan and Dawn Snow discussed the past costs of publishing the Panorama Journal and e-monitors. Previous Panorama Journal issues were costing around \$3000.00 per issue (50% of that cost for layout). The last issue published cost \$1800.00 for printing and mailing costs. The layout was done by volunteer labor. Marathon Press printed and mailed the last issue. The e-monitors were all volunteer labor and there were no printing costs. Bryan urged all board members to write articles for the upcoming issues. The deadline for the September issue is August 15th, 2013.

Awards - David Orbock will work with Paul Speaker on the awards committee.

David Orbock and Dave Kutz will write a letter to thank Joseph Phanouser (sp?) to let him know that his generous gift of \$5,000.00 was used to develop the associations website.

There being no other business Glenn Cope moved to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting (call in) will be Tuesday, May 28th at 8:30 pm EDT.
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