

International Association of Panoramic Photographers

Board Meeting Minutes January 28th, 2014

Present: Paul Speaker-President, Glenn Cope-Past President, Tom Sheckels-Treasurer, Dave Kutz-Secretary, Gavin Farrell, Syd Moen, Fran Gardino - Board Members

Absent: Jeff Weber Excused: Syd Moen

The meeting was called to order by Paul Speaker at 8:34 pm (EST).

The minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting were approved without changes.

Tom Sheckels, Treasurer presented the association's finance report for the 2013 year. A copy of the finance report will be made available on the association website.

Tom reported that after many months of letter writing, phone calls and repeated submissions, the association's tax exempt status was reinstated as of 1/15/2014. The board members thank Tom for his diligence on resolving this item.

Dave Kutz reported no new business from the secretary.

President Paul Speaker reported that a trip to Santa Fe, NM was made by him and Nancy Speaker and a suitable location was found for the October 2014 conference (Hyatt Place Santa Fe). Materials and pricing were submitted before the meeting to all the board members for discussion and approval at the board meeting. A question of concern among some members was if the hotel would honor the conference room rates for those who wish to come early or extend their stays beyond the conference dates since it would coincide with dates for the balloon festival in nearby Albuquerque. Paul would be checking on that with the hotel manager. A motion was made by Tom Sheckels to accept the Hyatt Place as the conference hotel and 2nd by Glenn Cope. The vote was unanimous to accept. The paperwork will be submitted to the hotel.

Other conference items discussed were possible speaker reimbursement and if Bill Bailey from Nodal Ninja (an IAPP corporate sponsor) would be able to attend and present the company's new products for the members. Also Everen Brown of 360Atlas.com was mentioned. Everen helped organize the Albuquerque workshop a few years ago. Paul will work on the budget for possible speaker fees. Eventbrite was chosen again to run the conference registration. Liability insurance will also be secured for the time of the conference.

The conference fee will remain \$185 (same as the Everett conference). The print competition will be offered again (same size formats as Everett). Possible field trips considered were the Tent Rocks area (near Taos) and a trip to the Georgia O'Keefe ranch. Also Sunday night trip to balloon fest nightglow is being considered.

There was discussion on the possibility of doing an internet broadcast and how that might affect conference attendance versus getting a broader exposure to new prospective members.

Gavin Farrell will be looking at online advertising forums to publicize the conference. Squarespace and TWIP (This Week In Photo.com) were mentioned.

There being no other business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glenn Cope and 2nd by Gavin Farrell. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm (EST).

Next meeting (call in) will be Tuesday, February 25 at 8:30 pm EST.
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