

AWCI Board of Directors Conference Call

Wednesday 1/12/2011

Board Present:

- Mark Butterworth, President
- Manuel Yazijian , Vice-President
- Henry Kessler, Treasurer (IAB Director)
- Doug Thompson, Secretary
- *David Douglas, Director
- Glenn Gardner, (Affiliate Chapter Director)
- Ron Iverson, Director
- *Ron Landberg, Director
- Joe Schrader, Director
- Jason Ziegenbein, (REC Director)

Non-voting present:

- Paul Wadsworth, Parliamentarian

Absent with Notice:

- Gene Bertram
- Joe Juaire

Staff:

- James Lubic, Executive Director

Guest:

- *Bonnie Scepkowski, Meeting Planner

*Indicates the individual had to leave before the conference call was completed.

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM CST.

President Butterworth welcomed those attending and asked Scepkowski to report on her location suggestions for the annual meeting.

She toured Portland, Oregon; Vancouver, Washington and Denver, Colorado. She noted that the optimal situation would be to select meeting sites 2 years in advance to ensure availability and facilitate sound planning.

Vancouver offered the best value in the area and the targeted hotel was willing to offer a number perks to entice a booking for 2011. Amenities, local attractions as well dining options were discussed for these cities, with a focus around the hotels available at the level necessary for an AWCI convention. Airfare pricing, appeal of the cities, local weather and number of Institute members in the areas were also discussed. Denver was recommended as the 2012 meeting site. The hotels in Vancouver and Denver were able to guarantee availability and the best pricing for the suggested years. Other cities were mentioned, but the cost of hotels and/or the prevailing weather in August, put them out of further consideration.

Motion #1: Gardner, 2nd Kessler

Approve the Hilton Hotel in Vancouver, Washington as the 2011 Annual Meeting location.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous approval (9-0-0).

Areas around Denver were discussed, including the proximity to the airport and hotel pricing.

Motion #2: Gardner, 2nd Yazijian

Approve the Hyatt Regency Tech Center in Denver, Colorado as the 2012 Annual Meeting location.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous approval (9-0-0).

Scepkowski noted that she would like a list of possible sponsors and vendors for the convention. At this time, Scepkowski left the meeting.

Motion #3: Kessler, 2nd Gardner

Approve Ethics Committee Members: David Douglas, David Farenholz, Wes Grau and Gene Bertram.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous approval, with Douglas and Yazijian abstaining (7-0-2).

Motion #4: Gardner, 2nd Yazijian

Approve Tom Jeswald as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous approval (9-0-0).

A report and motion was submitted from the Finance Committee that addressed use of surplus funds from fiscal 2009-2010 budget. It addressed the use of Rolex Challenge Funds, HVAC issues, strategic planning money, software upgrades, debt pay down, as well as suggestions to improve BOD and management communications and actions.

Much discussion ensued; covering the broad topics mentioned above, as well other related issues.

Landberg and Douglas had to leave the conference call at this point.

Motion #5: Thompson, 2nd Schrader

Table the motion from the Finance Committee until the next conference call at 8PM CST on 1-19-2011.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous approval (7-0-0).

Lubic asked that a determination on the length of the annual meeting be made by the board. Due to extensive positive feedback from both members, vendors and sponsors, it was felt that the added day to the meeting in Covington was an enhancement to the event and therefore should be repeated in 2011. Though a Convention Committee was not formed for 2011, it was felt a Hospitality Committee or something similar, etc., should be created.

Motion #6: Gardner, 2nd Thompson

Hold the Vancouver 2011 Annual Meeting from Wednesday August 3rd to Sunday August 7th.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous approval (7-0-0).

Lubic mentioned that the Education Committee chair had been working on forming committees to develop Master level certifications for both the watch (Mark Baker, Dale Ladue, Ernie Tope) and clock (Ron Iverson, Jim LaChapelle, Bob Ockendon) sections.

Motion to adjourn: Gardner, 2nd Thompson

Voice vote: Unanimous approval (ayes heard). Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM CST.

Submitted by,
Doug Thompson CW21
Secretary