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**2010 ABANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Memphis, Tennessee: AgriCenter 2010 ABANA Conference  
**Friday, June 4, 2010**

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm by President Paul Boulay. Those in attendance were:

Peyton Anderson	Rome Hutchings	Jack Parks	John Yust
Andrew Blair	David Hutchison	Linda Tanner	John McLellan
Paul Boulay	Lance Davis	George Matthews	

Absent: Len Ledet, Doug Klunder, Mike O'Heeron

**Motion 1:** Rome Hutchings moved to suspend the reading of the 2006 Conference minutes.

Seconded by Peyton Anderson

**PASSED**

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** We must make ABANA an organization we all are happy to be a member of, and keep the craft growing. Beyond 2006 we been struggling to keep things going and had to put on this conference after 2008 was cancelled. Thanks to the conference committee and all the volunteers for making this conference happen.

**Treasurer:** We must focus on member retention. We have published the past 7 years of financials to show what exactly we have been dealing with. We need to continue to build the membership. As of this year compared to last year we are down \$5,000.00. Advertising income is up about \$10,000.00 compared to last year. And we have been able to save around \$7,500.00 in Administrative costs as well.

**Questions asked by members in attendance:**

- How many members do we have now?  
*Approx. 3,800*
- How much is in the bank right now?  
*Approx. 58,000.00 in the general checking account.*
- When was the last time we raised dues?  
*4 years go we raised the dues and lost the number of members that made up the increase revenue. So, we ended up breaking even...*
- There were also questions answered on the general operating costs...Linda

Tanner invited anyone interested to come and see the expenses, reports, budget, etc.

**Rome's Comments:**

- The more people we have as members the greater the possibility of lower dues.
- Ending the year in the black has only happened twice in the past 10 years...
- Quoting Doug Klunder, "How do we become a group focused on cause?"
- Constant Contact, Discounts, Insurance, etc. are all examples of us helping the members.

**Member Concern:**

- Disappointed they did not get a T shirt and/or sticker with registration.
- Discussion on T shirt options...
- Consider having T shirt included in registration, price options, etc.

**Motion 2:** Consider multiple registration options (costs) for the next conference (including T shirts...)

Seconded

**PASSED**

**John McLellan's Comments:**

- The Education Committee is moving forward with the program.

**Motion 3:** To Adjourn 10:29pm

Seconded

**Passed**

~~~~~**Board Meeting Minutes**~~~~~

The ABANA Board meeting was called to order at 10:30pm by President Paul Boulay.

Those in attendance were:

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| Peyton Anderson | Rome Hutchings  | Jack Parks      | John Yust     |
| Andrew Blair    | David Hutchison | Linda Tanner    | John McLellan |
| Paul Boulay     | Lance Davis     | George Matthews |               |

Absent: Len Ledet, Doug Klunder, Mike O'Heeron

**Motion 1:** Rome Hutchings moved, "to open nominations for the seat vacated by Steve Williamson."

George Matthews Seconded the motion.

**PASSED**

Presentation on the 2012 Conference site in Rapid City South Dakota by Jack Parks

**Motion 2:** Motion to adjourn 10:52pm

Seconded  
**PASSED**