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January, 1988—October, 2006 ABANA Resolutions from Board Mailings
Motions not included: Nominations

- 01/01/88 ?—PASSED
accept the Pennsylvania Artist-Blacksmiths' Association as a chapter of ABANA.
- 02/12/88 Pehoski—PASSED
the next printing of the ABANA letterhead be printed in a number of 2,500 **without** the board members listed.
- 03/10/88 Pehoski—PASSED
the Anvil's Ring ad for the sale of ABANA mailing labels be changed to "\$150—leasing fee" and the ad for the ABANA mailing list be changed to "\$100—leasing fee". **Motion rescinded by Board Motion #423-Stiegler, November 2001.**
- 03/10/88 Pehoski—PASSED
national advertising agencies dealing with employment brokerage be sought out by Executive Secretary, Janelle Gilbert, directly for solicitation concerning ABANA mailing list (list or labels) available for leasing.
- 05/10/88 Pehoski—PASSED
acceptance of the Pittsburgh Area Artist-Blacksmiths Association into ABANA as a chapter.
- 08/01/88 Pehoski—?
hold the five year plan (Long Term Plan—LTP) and restructure it under special committees as follows: LTP Finance Committee, LTP Anvil's Ring Committee, LTP Membership Committee, LTP Secretary's Committee.
- 09/25/88 Pehoski—PASSED
ABANA set a discount of 20% off for an order of 10-49 Sears Catalogues, reflecting a price of \$5.20 each, and a discount of 30% off for an order of 50 or more Sears Catalogues, reflecting a price of \$4.55 each.
- 09/16/88 Pehoski—PASSED
ABANA set a discount of 20% off for an order of 10-49 Treadle Hammer Plans, reflecting a price of \$4.00 each, and a discount of 30% off for an order of 50 or more Treadle Hammer Plans, reflecting a price of \$3.50 each.
- 09/16/88 Pehoski—PASSED
a collection of 37 issues of the Anvil's Ring will retail at a discounted price of \$250 to ABANA Members.
- 03/24/89 Brinegar—PASSED
accept the application of the Mid-Atlantic Smiths Association (MASA) as an ABANA charter member. All requirements have been met.
- 04/30/89 Peot—TABLED
10% of the profits of the 1990 ABANA Conference go to the New York Designer Blacksmiths chapter hosting the conference.
- 06/19/89 Brinegar—PASSED
accept the Texas Artist-Blacksmiths' Association application for chapter status in ABANA.
- 01/15/90 Peot—PASSED
ABANA should renew non-profit corporation in the state of Georgia. Callaway should be authorized to spend up to \$1,000 to accomplish reinstatement of non-profit corporation status in the state of Georgia. This will be accomplished with the lawyers he has been doing ABANA business with in Phoenix, Arizona.

- 02/12/90 Masters—PASSED
give the Studebaker [Foundation] \$100 as a donation.
- 05/07/90 Happny—PASSED
elect Richard Quinnell for the recipient of the Alex Bealer Award to be presented at the ABANA 1990 Conference at Alfred State College, NY.
- 06/11/90 Carr—PASSED
send the Executive Office collection of chapter newsletters to the National Ornamental Metal Museum.
- 12/25/90 Brinegar—PASSED
allow each ABANA Chapter one free videotape two times a year from the ABANA Library. The cost of shipping and handling will be paid for by the chapter ordering. The free videos will be ordered by the Chapter President by phone six weeks in advance to reserve the item.
- 01/10/91 Callaway—PASSED
cancel the Spring ABANA Board meeting for 1991 due to the drain on the budget for travel expenses.
- 01/10/91 Callway—TABLED
dispense with the production of the "Marketing Sourcebook" due to the legal ramifications with the IRS.
- 01/10/91 Callaway—PASSED
implement the new copyright as proposed by the lawyer to appear in every issue of the Anvil's Ring and any publication generated by ABANA.
- 01/10/91 Callaway—PASSED
implement the disclaimer as proposed by the lawyer to appear in any ABANA generated material.
- 03/12/91 Happny—PASSED
to accept the Bealer Award Committee recommendation to select Jim Wallace for the 1992 award.
- 03/12/91 Happny—PASSED
accept the Bealer Award Committee recommendation to replace Jack Brubaker with Bob Bergman for an office term of six years.
- 06/12/91 Carr—TABLED
accept Capt. Farnham's offer to exchange balloon services for registration at the 1992 ABANA Conference. The balloon shall sport the new ABANA logo and read "CBA welcomes ABANA".
- 06/12/91 Carr—PASSED
offer ABANA's old Toshiba Copier to Executive Secretary Janelle Franklin for \$100.
- 06/12/91 Carr—PASSED
give the Membership Services Committee permission to move ahead with the handbook ["Marketing Sourcebook"] of available blacksmiths (see Andy Quittner's memo 4/15/91) following the guidelines to include a disclaimer in front and provide an alphabetical listing at no charge for smiths who do not want to buy a full page. This motion had been tabled in order to allow time for Andy Quittner to look into the legal aspects of the project.
- 06/12/91 Carr—PASSED
give the Membership Services Committee permission to move ahead with Norm Larson's 15% discount offer on books as incentive for new members to join ABANA. The details of this offer shall be worked out between the Membership Committee, Norm Larson, and the ABANA Office.
- 09/15/91 Peot—PASSED
discontinue sending out free Anvil's Ring magazines to new ABANA members because: 1) the increase in postage and extra issue costs totals about \$3,000 per year; 2) we are receiving a rash of bad checks, possibly due to new members receiving a magazine before the check gets cashed; 3) there is evidence that late renewals may be occurring since a "new" (renewed) member will end up with more magazines for their money caused by lapse time.
- 12/15/91 Stiegler—PASSED
award Emmert Studebaker with a lifetime membership in ABANA (as proposed via phone conference last week).
- 02/25/92 Peot—PASSED
acquire a credit card to be used by the President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary. **Motion rescinded by Board Motion #423-Stiegler, November 2001.**

- 02/25/92 Peot—PASSED
elect Joel Schwartz of New York for the Board of Director position vacated by David Norrie (term ending 1994).
- 03/15/92 Porter—PASSED
Manfred Bredohl be selected as the recipient of the 1992 Bealer Award.
- 05/13/92 Peot—PASSED
the Blacksmiths Association of Missouri will be the sponsoring association for the 1994 ABANA Conference to be held at Washington University in St. Louis and that they will be reimbursed a total of 7% of the net income from the conference or two dollars per registered blacksmith, whichever is higher. Chapter income from the Conference shall be used in the education, promotion and sustenance of blacksmithing in their local group.
- 06/05/92 Carr—PASSED
accept the Louisiana Metalsmiths' Association as a chapter of ABANA.
- 12/31/92 Pollins—PASSED
the Artist-Blacksmiths Association of North America create a perpetual Trust with the Bloomington Bank & Trust, PO Box 549, Bloomington, Indiana 47402, providing for the perpetual payment of Trust income to the Association; and that the Association transfer \$20,000 to be selected from the Association's Certificates of Deposit and other unallocated reserve accounts in the discretion of the Treasurer to the Bloomington Bank & Trust, PO Box 549, Bloomington, Indiana 47402 to fund the Trust.
- 12/31/92 Peot—PASSED
to proceed with the by-law changes including those proposed from the last meeting by Clay Spencer.
- 01/29/93 Porter—PASSED
approve the Blacksmith Organization of Arkansas (BOA) as a chartered ABANA Chapter.
- 04/04/93 Callaway—PASSED
approve the nomination of Clifton Ralph given by the Bealer Award Committee as the 1993 recipient of the Bealer Award.
- 04/23/93 Peot—PASSED
that Janelle Franklin (Office Productions) be paid \$100 per day (including one travel day) to represent ABANA at the Ozark and Southeastern regional conferences with this amendment to her contract and that this fee schedule be policy for payment at all regional events approved in advance by the ABANA Secretary.
- 08/26/94 Porter—PASSED
accept the Ocmulgee Blacksmith Guild for ABANA Chapter status since they have met their requirements as reported by the Chapter Liaison Committee.
- 09/20/93 Clark—PASSED
reimburse Office Productions for the cost of reprinting and labor to re-bulk 750 newsletters (The Hammer's Blow) which were damaged in high waters at the ABANA Office. The total comes to \$395.
- 10/22/93 Pollins—PASSED
accept the River Bluff Forge Council as an ABANA Chapter. They have fulfilled their requirements as reviewed by the Chapter Liaison Committee.
- 04/08/94 Callaway—PASSED
approve the Bealer Award Committee choice nominee Bud Oggier as the recipient of the 1994 Bealer Award.
- 06/09/94 Quittner—PASSED
that the disposition of old art work—the old art work from past issues of the Anvil's Ring—be placed in the Hanover storage locker as archived material for possible later use.
- 06/09/94 Clark—PASSED
the Publications Committee make an "out of budget" request of funds to provide Robert Owings and Jim Ryan with air fare for their attendance at the June Conference.
- 06/09/94 Hickman—PASSED
the reprint books of the ABANA physical library be transferred to the 1994 ABANA Conference Auction Committee to be used as they determine for the purpose of fund raising.

- 06/20/94 Clark—PASSED
that the 27 individuals identified by Dimitri Gerakaris (see attached) be confirmed as the founding members of ABANA.
For the record: John Allgood, Ivan Bailey, Alex Bealer, George Cobb, Floyd B. Daniel, Dimitri Gerakaris, Jerry Glaser, Don Hadley, E.W. Horn, Jimmy Johnson, Jonathan Kehrer, Brent Kington, G.A. Long, Daryl Meier, Terry Nelms, Jud Nelson, Charles Ray, Jr., Charles Ray, Sr., Peter Renzetti, Mike Riegel, Harry A. Sereno, Calvin Smith, Wade Spooner, James Stiso, Emmert Studebaker, Ed Trout, Warren H. Turlington
- 09/15/94 Peot—TABLED
ABANA donate to the National Ornamental Museum \$5,000 every year
—WITHDRWN
pending our financial status. For this year we would send NOMM the funds raised from the Arch Ring Project and augment these funds with an additional amount bringing the total to \$5,000. The funds from the Chapter Ring Project would be put into the general fund to help pay expenses.
- 09/15/94 Ryan—PASSED
that as promised in the promotional materials sent to the chapters, all proceeds from the Ring Project go into the ABANA General Fund. As intended, the Arch Project proceeds go to NOMM. Additional funding for NOMM be considered as a line item at the November budget meeting.
- 11/14/94 Quittner—PASSED
the problems encountered in conducting the 1994 election are not of sufficient merit to nullify the election; therefore, the election will stand as certified by the ballots therein.
- 11/14/95 Pollins—PASSED
accept the Furnace Town Blacksmith Guild (Salisbury, Maryland) as an ABANA chapter as they have met the requirements for chapter status.
- 11/14/95 Hickman—PASSED
the ABANA Board instruct Andy Quittner to write a letter to Peter Ross encouraging him to develop a financial plan that would enable him to have the resources to write an instructional book based on his traditional techniques. The letter should clearly state that ABANA is making no financial commitments but that ABANA feels such a book would be of benefit to the blacksmithing and metalsmithing communities.
- 12/07/94 Pollins—PASSED
the Western Canadian Blacksmith's Guild be divided into three separate Chapters (at their request).
- 03/08/95 Pollins—PASSED
admit Four States Iron Munchers Blacksmith Association, Texas as a Chapter of ABANA.
- 03/08/95 Dixon—TABLED
the Board, through the BBS Committee, send a letter to Mr. O'Connor at Washington University of St. Louis asking that ABANA be separated from Enrique Vega's personal project and returned to the full control and access of the ABANA Board's committee.
- 05/11/95 Pollins—PASSED
admit the South Carolina Artist and Blacksmiths as a Chapter of ABANA.
- 05/11/95 Pollins—PASSED
admit the Bluegrass Artist Blacksmith's Guild as a Chapter of ABANA.
- 05/11/95 Brim—PASSED
ABANA sanction the Blooming Art Exhibition.
- 06/04/95 Peot—PASSED
accept Will Hightower to fill the Director position open from the resignation of Clayton Carr.
- 06/04/95 Peot—TABLED
approve the recommended by-law changes form the By-Laws Committee to be presented to the ABANA Membership for voting ballot approval. The changes are in the following sections. CHAPTERS, Article II-A CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP, Article III—Section 2 MEETINGS, Article VI—Section 4 COMMITTEES, Article X—Section 4.
- 11/10/95 Pollins—PASSED
admit the Artist-Blacksmith Association of New Zealand as a new chapter of ABANA.

- 01/16/96 **Brandenburg—PASSED**
to approve the Executive Secretary's draft of the minutes of November 18 & 19, 1995 meeting of the ABANA Board of Directors with the following changes: On page 11, third paragraph—Delete the paragraph's last sentence and change the preceding sentence to read: "The Committee has agreed that the determination for the link would be made by the Internet Committee Chairman and the entity desiring to link would have to meet the criteria guidelines which include status as an ABANA Chapter or as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization." [Comment: The committee had adopted this as a requirement, not a suggestion.] On page 14, under Expenses—Change the title of the right expense column from "actual" to "approved". Change the expense amount for the Central Office in the right column from \$45,942" to "\$45,950". Change the right column total from \$193,492" to \$193,500". [Comment: "Actual" often is used with a specific but different meaning which might be confusing. Rounding up the Central Office budget amount will balance the income and expenses at \$193,500.] On page 14, under Budget—Change the Membership Income from \$136,000" to \$136,500".
- 03/05/96 **Spencer—PASSED**
the Restructuring Committee be tasked to develop the Special Interest Group (SIG) Requirements which must be approved by the ABANA Board prior to any SIG being approved and the following outline as guidance for development of the requirements: 1) Who may be a member of a SIG—All members must be ABANA members and any ABANA member may join any SIG. 2) How SIGs will work. 3) What interests will be covered by SIGs. 4) What activities may or may not be sponsored by SIGs. 5) How SIGs are to be organized—Must they have by-laws? Do we require them to be a not-for-profit? May they charge dues and should those dues be collected by ABANA? May they have meetings or conferences? Must they have insurance? May they publish a newsletter? Etc. 6) How a SIG would apply for a charter—What minimum requirements must be met to apply and to maintain a charter in good standing? 7) When and how SIGs are dissolved -What happens to any assets? 8) What (if any) ABANA funds would be used for SIG support or would this be specifically prohibited?
- 03/15/96 **Hightower—TABLED**
ABANA should continue its current policy of providing minutes of ABANA board meetings on request. Such requests will only be honored when made by ABANA members. At no time should ABANA minutes be published for possible distribution to the general public.
- 04/08/96 **Pollins—PASSED**
admit Tidewater Blacksmith's Guild as a new Chapter of ABANA...serving the Hampton Roads coastal region from Richmond, Virginia to northern North Carolina.
- 05/08/96 **Quittner—PASSED**
to present to Robert Owings at the 1996 Conference during the awards ceremony, an award for all the years that he has served ABANA as its Editor.
- 05/08/96 **Quittner—PASSED**
to give to Robert Owings the Apple Computer and printer that he has been using for the Anvil's Ring (this computer is old and fairly outdated for all practical purposes).
- 05/08/96 **Quittner—PASSED**
to award Robert Owings the 1996 Bealer Award as recommended by the Bealer Award Committee Chairman. The award will be presented at the ABANA Conference in Alfred, NY.
- 05/28/96 **Peot—PASSED**
plan to have a winter conference sponsored by ABANA and hosted by the Arizona Artist-Blacksmith Association chapter with Bill Callaway as the on-site chairman. It would be held the second weekend in January 1997 for four or five days. Participation would be limited to 125 because of Callaway's shop space and participants would stay in a hotel nearby. Bill estimates a total price for registration and accommodations at \$340. ABANA and the Arizona chapter would share in the profit.
- 06/10/96 **Pollins—PASSED**
accept the New Jersey Blacksmith Association as a chartered ABANA Chapter. They have submitted their application and met the requirements.
- 08/12/96 **Pollins—PASSED**
accept the Saltfork Craftsmen group in Oklahoma as a new Chapter.
- 09/16/96 **Quittner—PASSED**
accept the application of Jim McCarty for the position as Editor of the Anvil's Ring and authorize contract negotiations thereon.

- 10/15/96 Dixon—PASSED
nominate David Cornett to fill the balance of Clay Spencer's term as per Clay Spencer's letter of resignation from the ABANA Board.
- 04/16/97 Quittner—PASSED
ABANA sell advertising for the Hammer's Blow to help defray the expense of production.
- 06/17/97 Quittner—TABLED
for the approval of the following resolution that states ABANA's official position with regard to sponsorship of anvil shoots at any ABANA event. [See June 1997 board mailing for detailed resolution tabled.]
- 06/17/97 Tom Clark—PASSED
that the ABANA Board will use the next person in line from the previous ballot to replace any vacancies unless it can be determined and proven that for some reason that person is not fit to be a director. **Motion rescinded by Board Motion via Mailer on 6/13/03, motion by Will Hightower.**
- 06/17/97 Tal Harris—PASSED
the Western Reserve Artist Blacksmith Association (of Ohio) having met all requirements, be accepted as a chartered ABANA chapter.
- 06/30/97 Tom Clark—TABLED
to amend the June 17, 1997 resolution statement and motion made by Andy Quittner with regard to anvil shoots, to read as follows with the deletion of part 4. [See July 1997 board mailing for detailed resolution amendment tabled. The policy on Anvil Shooting was revised July 1997 and endorsed by Executive Committee at that time and distributed through the August 1997 board mailing.]
- 03/16/98 Tom Clark—FAILED
the Bealer Award not be given to any ABANA Board Member while in office.
- 04/13/98 Jim Cooper—TABLED
the Bealer Award Committee shall be an "off board" committee, appointed from ABANA members who are not currently serving as board members of the organization. This committee's responsibility is to present the ABANA Board of Directors with the nomination of potential recipients of the Bealer Award. Should a nomination be rejected, the Committee is under no obligation to submit another nomination in that calendar year.
- 05/3/98 Tom Clark-DISCUSSION
give the Alex Bealer Award to Daryl Meier at the Asheville conference and to Bill Manly at the Manly's Christmas Party in 1998.
- 05/3/98 Tom Clark-FAILED
give the Alex Bealer Award to Bill Manly at the Asheville Conference.
- 07/15/98 Doug Merkel—PASSED
ABANA accept the Northern Rockies Blacksmiths Association, the Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild, the Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths, and the Connecticut Blacksmith Guild as chartered chapters of ABANA as they have met all requirements for chapter status.
- 03/10/99 Scott Lankton-PASSED
ABANA Board placed a hold on the first issue of the 1999 Hammer's Blow until a contract is produced showing legal directives given to George Dixon in publishing the first quarter issue. If finances have been placed in the hands of Mr. Dixon without proper contractual agreement, that these funds be returned to ABANA.
- 03/16/99 Bill Fiorini-DISCUSSION
ABANA hire an attorney immediately to deal with the George Dixon situation now that we have received legal correspondence from Dixon's attorney.
- 04/8/99 Dorothy Stiegler-PASSED
the ABANA Board approve LeeAnn Mitchell for the position of Executive Secretary.
- 04/14/99 Scott Lankton-PASSED
all issues pertaining to George Dixon and ABANA be resolved through legal council only. This motion does not specify who the legal council will be or where funds (if any) to pay for this service will come from, only that all negotiations will be done by council.
- 04/9/99 Will Hightower-PASSED
ABANA allow Franklyn Garland and Mark Williams to develop mirrored sites of the on-line suppliers list and make them available to blacksmith oriented web sites.

- 06/18/99 Andy Quittner-DEFERRED
an agreement by and between Lou Mueller and George Dixon, and concerns certain disputes that have arisen concerning the ABANA Board of Directors, the handling of the 1998 ABANA Conference, The Hammers' Blow, and George Dixon.
- 07/5/99 Doug Merkel-PASSED
having met all the requirements in becoming a chapter of ABANA as outlined in Article III-A, Sections 1 & 2 of the ABANA By laws, the Gulf Coast Blacksmith Association, Inc., shall be accepted as a chapter of ABANA.
- 09/13/99 Andy Quittner-PASSED
that the Board of Directors accepts the recommendations of the Publications Committee and authorizes the Publications Committee to hire Brian Gilbert as the next Editor of Hammer's Blow.
- 11/19/99 Andy Quittner-PASSED
that the minutes of the 1999 ABANA Board meeting be accepted
- 11/24/99 Will Hightower-PASSED
that ABANA purchase two 20 ft. conex containers to be used for the storage and transportation of conference equipment and materials. The purchase of these conexs be made from ABANA's portion of the 2000 Conference profits (the 90%) and in no way affect the amount due to the Arizona chapter. This purchase would be at a time that there is money available in the 2000 Conference account(s) and at time that Mr. Bill Callaway feels it would work into the 2000 Conference plans.
- 02/08/00 Will Hightower-PASSED
that the credit limit on the ABANA credit card be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00
- 04/24/00 Bill Fiorini-PASSED
that the dates for the 2002 ABANA Conference be set for the first week of June, 2002 at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, WI.
- 08/10/00 Dorothy Stiegler-PASSED
that in order to further promote blacksmithing education, ABANA will loan the organizers of IronFest seed money not to exceed the sum of \$8,000. The funds are to be secured by contractual agreement that includes a promotion of ABANA membership in the registration materials, and on site, as well as a promise to repay the money in full, regardless of the outcome of the conference.
- 08/18/00 Andy Quittner-PASSED
that the minutes from the 2000 Board of Directors meeting held in Flagstaff, Arizona on July 11, 2000 be accepted as edited
- 09/17/00 Will Hightower-TABLED FOR DISCUSSION
that if any ABANA chapter prepares an anvil for an "anvil shoot" at any gathering, then that ABANA chapter/organization will be removed from the rolls of ABANA as a chapter. The removal will be effective at the time the anvil is prepared and before any actual shooting of the anvil.
- 9/21/00 Dorothy Stiegler- TABLED FOR DISCUSSION
that Officers and Directors of ABANA who personally prepare an anvil for an anvil shoot, or who perform, organize and/or encourage an anvil shoot at an ABANA related event or any event that could be interpreted as being an ABANA related event shall be deemed to have thereby offered their resignation from office and from the ABANA Board of Directors. They will immediately step down from their ABANA Board position. That person/those persons will be barred from sitting on the ABANA Board for a period of five years from the time of the offense or removal.
- 12/22/00 Jack Andrews-PASSED
That the minutes from the 2000 ABANA Board of Directors meeting held in LaCrosse, Wisconsin November 16-18, 2000 be approved and published in appropriate places.
- 5/20/01 Jerry Kagele-PASSED
That ABANA pursuant to its previously stated policy against the practice of 'anvil shooting', revoke the chapter charters of the following chapters: Alabama Forge Council, Alex Bealer Blacksmith Association, Appalachian Area Chapter, Florida Artist Blacksmith Association, North Carolina Chapter Of ABANA, Ocmulgee Blacksmith Guild and the Philip Simmons Artist-Blacksmith Guild Of South Carolina. Said motion is based on said chapters' participation in an 'anvil shooting' event held at the Southeastern Regional Blacksmithing Conference in Madison, Georgia, Saturday, May 19, 2001.
- 2/19/02 Will Hightower-PASSED
That the enclosed revised ABANA Bylaws be approved for release to the general membership for a vote.

- 8/1/02 Will Hightower-PASSED
That the minutes of the 2002 ABANA Board of Directors meeting held in La Crosse, Wisconsin be approved as read.
- 12/12/02 Dave Mudge-PASSED
That the minutes of the 2002 ABANA Board of Directors meeting held in Richmond, Kentucky be approved as read.
- 4/10/03 Will Hightower-PASSED
That the annual ABANA Board of Directors meeting be held November 13 - November 15, 2003 at the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.
- 4/10/03 Dorothy Stiegler-PASSED
That the new ABANA Education Endowment Trust, dated March 27, 2003, as written by Treasurer Will Hightower, be implemented forthwith.
- 4/10/03 Dorothy Stiegler-PASSED
That the Education Endowment Trust be funded with an initial amount of \$150,000.00 from existing ABANA accounts. One of the primary purposes of this Educational Trust is to insure a permanent, secure and stable source of income for scholarships and grants.
- 4/10/03 Dave Koenig-PASSED
That the ABANA Board of Directors recognizes the reorganization of the Texas Artist Blacksmiths Association as Balcones Forge and accepts Balcones Forge as an ABANA Affiliate
- 6/14/03 Will Hightower-PASSED
That the motion made via mail to the ABANA Board on 6/17/97 by Tom Clark be rescinded. The original motion reads as follow:
06/17/97 Tom Clark—PASSED
that the ABANA Board will use the next person in line from the previous ballot to replace any vacancies unless it can be determined and proven that for some reason that person is not fit to be a director.
- 8/5/03 Will Hightower-PASSED
That the ABANA Board resend the current contract with LeeAnn Mitchell Arts, Inc. and replace it with the submitted fifteen month contract to become effective October 1, 2003. The new contract will include the management duties for the production of the 2004 ABANA Conference to be held in Richmond, Kentucky, July 7-11, 2004.
- 12/19/04 Dorothy Stiegler-PASSED
That the minutes and the proposed 2004 budget of the 2003 ABANA Board of Directors meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee be approved as read.
- 1/14/04 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR RATIFICATION -PASSED
COMES NOW the ABANA Executive Committee and, pursuant to Article X, Section 1, of the ABANA By-laws, requests ratification, by the Board of Directors of ABANA, of the following, to wit:
1. On or about December 21, 2003, pursuant to majority vote, the Executive Committee made the decision, for good cause, to terminate all contractual relationships, including advertising contracts in ABANA publications, with George Dixon. Written notice of said action was mailed to Mr. Dixon by both regular and certified mail by the Secretary. Notice of said actions was communicated to the Board of Directors by the President.
2. On or about January 9, 2004, pursuant to majority vote, the Executive Committee made the decision, for good cause, to terminate the ABANA membership of George Dixon. Written notice of said action was mailed to Mr. Dixon by both regular and certified mail by the Secretary along with a dues refund check. Notice of said actions was communicated to the Board of Directors by the President.
- 1/16/04 Dorothy Stiegler-PASSED
That the annual fall ABANA Board of Directors meeting be held October 28-30, 2004 in Seattle, Washington.
- 1/30/04 Dave Mudge-PASSED
That the following blacksmith organizations be granted Affiliate status by ABANA. The groups are the Capital District Blacksmiths' Association, OKI Forgers and the Chesapeake Forge Blacksmith Guild.
- 4/8/04 Dave Mudge-PASSED
That the following blacksmith organizations be granted Affiliate status by ABANA. The groups are the "Central Minnesota Blacksmiths" and "Artist Blacksmith's Association of Finland".

- 5/31/04 Dave Mudge-PASSED
That the following blacksmith organization be granted Affiliate status by ABANA. The group is Oil Valley Blacksmith's Association and will serve the northwest region of Pennsylvania.
- 8/19/04 Scott Lankton – PASSED
That the letter submitted by John Medwedeff for publication in the 'Letters to the Editor' section in **The Anvil's Ring** and the 'Auction Thank You Note' from Tim Ryan both be published in **The Anvil's Ring**, Volume 33, Issue #1, Fall 2004.
- 9/8/04 Dave Koenig – PASSED
That the minutes from both the ABANA Members' Meeting held July 8, 2004 and the ABANA Board of Directors Meeting, held July 9, 2004 in Richmond, Kentucky be approved as read.
- 11/30/04 Dorothy Stiegler - FAILED
That the ABANA Board rescinds motion #11 made at the 2004 ABANA Board meeting in Seattle, Washington and reinstate the vendor/barter program as defined by Dave Koenig for the 2004 Conference. Motion #11 reads as follows:

MOTION # 11
Will Hightower made a motion to dissolve the trading vendor fees for auction items at ABANA Conferences. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED. Dissenting votes were Jerry Kagele.
- 12/21/04 Dorothy Stiegler - FAILED
That once again the ABANA Board reconsiders rescinding motion #11 made at the 2004 ABANA Board meeting in Seattle, Washington and reinstate the vendor/barter program as defined by Dave Koenig for the 2004 Conference. Motion #11 reads as follows:

MOTION # 11
Will Hightower made a motion to dissolve the trading vendor fees for auction items at ABANA Conferences. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED. Dissenting votes were Jerry Kagele.
- 1/5/05 Maegan Crowley - PASSED
That the minutes and the proposed budget from the ABANA Board of Directors Meeting, held October 28-30, 2004 in Seattle, Washington be approved as read.
- 2/16/05 Dave Mudge - PASSED
That the following blacksmith organization be granted Affiliate status by ABANA. The group is the Lake Superior Metalsmiths and will serve Carlton, St. Louis and Cook Counties of Minnesota and Douglas County in Wisconsin.
- 3/28/05 Dave Mudge – PASSED
That the following blacksmith organization be granted Affiliate status by ABANA. The group is the Heathsville Forge Blacksmith's Guild which will serve the northern neck of Virginia.
- 3/28/05 Dave Mudge – PASSED
That the following blacksmith organization be granted Affiliate status by ABANA. The group is The Badger Blacksmith and will serve the west central area of Wisconsin.
- 3/31/05 Will Hightower – PASSED
That the regular fall budget meeting of ABANA be held October 27-29, 2005 in Memphis, Tennessee.
- 7/5/05 Dave Mudge – PASSED
That the following blacksmith organization be granted Affiliate status by ABANA. The group is the Fort Vancouver Trades Guild.

- 12/5/05 Maegan Crowley - PASSED
That a motion be made to offer a four-issue, one-year contract for 2006 to Sebastian Publishing to produce **The Anvils Ring** publication and publish the **Hammer's Blow** publication in the amount of \$175,636. And continue said services with the first issue of the publications in year 2007 for \$43,909.00. Any printing savings accomplished during the contract term shall accrue to ABANA, not Sebastian Publishing-This or any changes must be approved by the Publications Committee Chair. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Stiegler.
- 12/30/2005 Eric Ryser - PASSED
That a motion be made to accept the minutes of the October 2005 ABANA Board meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. The motion was seconded by Dave Mudge.
- 1/31/2006 Eric Ryser - PASSED
That a motion be made to accept the Old Dominion Blacksmiths Association as an ABANA Affiliate. The motion was seconded by Jerry Kagele.
- 3/6/2006 Murray Lowe - PASSED
That a motion be made that the fall 2006 ABANA Board meeting be held in New Paltz, New York. The dates of the meeting will be arranged at a later date. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Stiegler.
- 8/25/06 Eric Ryser - PASSED
That a motion be made to accept the minutes of the ABANA Membership Meeting and the Board of Directors meeting which were held on July 6, 2006 during the ABANA Conference in Seattle, Washington. The motion was seconded by Clare Yellin.
- 12/06/06 Dorothy Stiegler – PASSED
That a motion be made to accept Cinde Wagner's #1 proposal for services for 2007. The contract would be \$750.00 per month plus the tax return costs for the total cost of \$9,500.00 for one year. The motion was seconded by Don Kemper.