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2002 ABANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
La Crosse, Wisconsin
June 4, 2002

Wednesday, June 4, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Doug Learn and the roll was taken. Those in attendance were:

Bob Fredell	Scott Lankton	Dorothy Stiegler
Will Hightower	Doug Learn	Chris Winterstein
Bob Jacoby	Murray Lowe	Clare Yellin
Jerry Kagele	Dave Mudge	
Dave Koenig	Dan Nauman	

Proxies: Tim Ryan and Pete Brandenburg were not present. No proxies were filed with the Central Office.

Other persons in attendance were Rob Edwards, Editor of *The Anvil's Ring*, and LeeAnn Mitchell, ABANA Executive Secretary. Brian Gilbert, Editor of *Hammer's Blow* arrived later in the meeting.

President Doug Learn introduced and welcomed new ABANA Board members Dave Koenig and Chris Winterstein. The roll was taken.

Proof of notice of the meeting was given.

MOTION #1

Will Hightower made a motion that the minutes of the November 2001 meeting be passed and not read in their entirety. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. **PASSED.**

2004 Conference Site

Doug Learn discussed the proposal by Dr. David Hufford of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky to host the 2004 ABANA Conference.

MOTION #2

Scott Lankton made a motion to pursue the proposal by Dr. David Hufford of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky to host the 2004 ABANA Conference. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. **PASSED.**

MOTION #3

Scott Lankton made a motion to make a gift to Bill Fiorini of a Japanese charcoal forge of Bill's choice as a gift from ABANA for his service as the 2002 Conference Chair. Dan Nauman seconded the motion. PASSED.

MOTION #4

Will Hightower made a motion to have the 2002 ABANA Board meeting in or near Richmond, Kentucky to continue the investigation of the area as a site for the 2004 ABANA Conference. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.

MOTION #5

Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to invite the immediate past president to attend the annual meeting following the expiration of their term. Will Hightower seconded the motion. Dorothy Stiegler withdrew the motion.

2002 Board of Director's Election

This year's election deadline is June 15, 2002. People may submit their application to LeeAnn Mitchell at the 2002 Conference. The magazine deadline is June 15, 2002 and Rob Edwards and his staff are aware that some applications may be waiting in the Central Office in Georgia. These applications will be mailed as soon as possible.

Disposition of the Yellin Lantern

Doug Learn passed the presidency to Scott Lankton. Doug Learn discussed the idea of placing a reserve on the Yellin Lantern, donated by the Yellin Foundation, which will benefit the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. He discussed the idea of offering the Museum an opportunity to purchase the piece. Clare Yellin discussed the condition and the date of the piece. Scott Lankton recognized Will Hightower. Will asked Clare about the value of the work. Will suggested that a minimum of at least \$5,000 be placed on the work. Scott Lankton passed the presidency to Doug Learn. Discussion continued about the work. The work had just shown up and has not been advertised which might affect the price. Dan Nauman suggested that placing a reserve on selected works for the auction set a dangerous precedent. It was agreed that Doug Learn would contact Jack Andrews tomorrow and discuss the idea of delaying the auction of the work at the 2002 Conference and having the work restored and auctioned at the 2004 Conference. Clare Yellin volunteered the services of her company to execute the restoration and would try to determine a value for the work at that time.

Treasurer's Report

Will Hightower discussed the reports that he submitted. Copies are on file in the Central Office. He also spoke of the new accountant Cinde Wagner of Lambe, Tuter, Wagner & Moore, Soldotna, Alaska and the professional relationship that ABANA has with them. Will mentioned the Fannie Mae bonds that he established and the interest that they draw. The topic of the large volume of back issues was discussed and the cost basis analysis. Will also discussed the

financial state of the conference and presented the worksheet that reflected the current balance.

Communications-Internet

Dave discussed the new search engine that has been recently added to the site and several other features that will be added this summer. LeeAnn Mitchell discussed the changes that will have to take place this summer with regards to changing the word chapters to the word affiliates and other services and features that the membership has requested. The Board instructed LeeAnn to make the changes to the site as soon as the bylaws vote is tallied and the Board agreed to employ the services of Jake Goulding to assist with the project.

Library Branch-Canada

Murray Lowe discussed the idea of establishing an ABANA video rental library in Canada. Doug Learn and Scott Lankton charged the library committee with coming up with a plan and presenting it to the Board at the Fall Board meeting.

Publications Committee

Rob Edwards talked about the 2002 Conference brochure. The finances of both *The Anvil's Ring* and *Hammer's Blow* were discussed. Dorothy Stiegler stated that both the publications were in good shape. Dorothy and Rob mentioned the advertisements that now appear in *Hammer's Blow* and wanted to know if there were any negative comments from the membership. None were received.

Education Committee

Dan Nauman discussed the structure and background of the committee. The members include Peter Ross, Jay Close, Doug Wilson, Tom Latane and Bob Fredell all of whom teach blacksmithing. Dan stated that the committee was developing a home study course for ABANA members to learn the basics of blacksmithing fundamentals. Dan discussed the progress of the committee and requested that the Board allow the committee to use their budget for travel so that the committee can continue to meet and develop the programs. He also urged the Board to establish a permanent committee with a chair so that the continuity can continue. Dan felt that the committee actually meeting and working out the plans would be beneficial to the progress of the committee. Bob Fredell discussed the idea of developing a manual with complete instruction and illustrations to guide the student

Doug Learn passed the presidency to Scott Lankton. Doug urged the committee to show evidence of their progress. Scott Lankton passed the presidency back to Doug Learn.

MOTION #6

Dave Koenig made a motion that the Education Committee proceed with a summary of their work to date with a commit to producing a minimum of ten articles for upcoming issues of

Hammer's Blow which address the forging fundamentals identified by the committee Seconded by Will Hightower. PASSED

MOTION # 7

Scott Lankton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dave Mudge seconded the motion. PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.