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2004 ABANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Richmond, Kentucky

July 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by President Don Kemper and the roll was taken.

Those in attendance were:

Elizabeth Brim

Will Hightower

Jerry Kagele

Scott Lankton

Murray Lowe

Dorothy Stiegler

Dan Nauman

Dave Koenig

Chris Winterstein

Clare Yellin

Don Kemper

Bob Jacoby

Maegan Crowley

Dave Mudge

Tim Ryan

Other persons in attendance were Rob Edwards, Editor of *The Anvil's Ring*, Brian Gilbert, Editor of *Hammer's Blow*, LeeAnn Mitchell, ABANA Central Office Administrator.

Guests included Jake Goulding, Jack Andrews, Terry Carson, Jim Guy, Louie Raffloer, Wayne Coe, David Edens, Cindy Mudge, Bryanna Paradiso, Nicole Paradiso, Keane Paradiso, Jonathan Nedbor, Mindy Gardner, Mark Gardner, Doug Kluender, Dan Jennings, Michael Bondi.

Proof of notice of the meeting was given.

MOTION #1

Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Murray Lowe.
PASSED

MOTION #2

Scott Lankton moved that the minutes of the November 2003 ABANA Board meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee be passed as amended and not be read in their entirety, seconded by Chris Winterstein. PASSED

Treasurer's Report

Dorothy distributed the most recent monthly audited financial report. She discussed Cinde Wagner, CPA, from Soldotna, Alaska. She also mentioned that the financials are always posted on the website.

MOTION #3

Dave Koenig moved that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Seconded by Will Hightower. PASSED.

Tim Ryan discussed the idea that the current idea of trading vendor fees for auction donations is bad bookkeeping. Will Hightower agreed. Bob Jacoby suggested that we review the success of this idea after the finances from the 2004 Conference are finalized. The issue could further be discussed at the board meeting in Seattle. Don Kemper asked Dorothy Stiegler, Tim Ryan, Jerry Kagele and Bob Jacoby to take this matter up and have a report for the fall board meeting.

Central Office Report

LeeAnn Mitchell suggested that the board consider lowering the price of back issues of *The Anvil's Ring* to \$1.00 each through BookMasters, Inc. Will Hightower questioned this idea and asked that LeeAnn check into how much cost we would incur from BookMasters, Inc. processing services by lowering the price. LeeAnn will have estimates on this for the fall board meeting in Seattle.

Jake Goulding and LeeAnn Mitchell discussed the idea of developing a relational database that would link the data transactions for the Central Office memberships, magazine ad revenue and future conferences. They will have a report ready for the board to review at the Seattle meeting. Will Hightower asked that they focus on a system that the whole board could access.

2004 Conference Chair Report

Dave Koenig reported on the current attendance numbers and discussed that he and LeeAnn Mitchell would work in September to finalize the finances and updated the conference section of the *ABANA Procedures Manual*.

Committee Reports

- Aachen Committee-Scott Lankton reported that he and Jay Burnham-Kidwell would like to bring Tim Bredhol to the US to attend a regional event to heighten the program and encourage more people to apply.
- Education-Dan Nauman reported that his committee was working along nicely and producing additional articles that they have been supplying to *Hammer's Blow*.
- Scholarships-Chris Winterstein mentioned that he is still working on getting people to apply. He is going to work on developing a strategy for awarding scholarships with

regard to how much money is available on an annual basis, awarding quarterly where quality merits, and developing criteria other than complete applications to benefit the membership.

- Exhibitions- Elizabeth Brim reported that *“Overview: Works From the ABANA Membership”*, being held in the Giles Gallery looks excellent. She also reported that turnout for the “Walk-In” Members’ Gallery was wonderful.
- Insurance-Clare Yellin indicated that there was no real change and that the organization is fully covered. All conference related insurance riders had also been dealt with.
- Election-Jerry Kagele reported that we only have five candidates for five positions on the ABANA Board and that in accordance with State of Georgia law the elections will be held as scheduled
- Bylaws- Bob Jacoby reported that there was no new activity within the area of bylaws. Scott Lankton inquired about amending the bylaws with regard to elections where there were only five candidates in order to save money. Bob Jacoby suggested this be discussed at the Seattle meeting.
- Grants-Murray Lowe reported that this will be discussed at the Seattle meeting.
- Finance-Clare Yellin reported that she would give a full report in Seattle.
- Affiliates-Dave Mudge reported that the Affiliate Liaison program under reconstruction and that he would welcome help and suggestions from other board members.
- Library-Murray Lowe reported that the effort to establish a Canada library had not worked out due to the expense of mailing in Canada. Clare Yellin reported that she is looking into new digital avenues for the library.
- Long Term Planning-Will Hightower reported that the ABANA Trust project was moving along. He also talked about the recent ‘potential mailer’ project that had been mailed out through the Central Office. He thanked LeeAnn for her help. To date the mailer has made about \$2,000 in the form of memberships.
- Publications-Maegan Crowley reported that she had covered what she had to say in the ABANA Members’ meeting the night before.
- Awards-Scott Lankton reported that both the Bealer Award and the Humble Award presentations went well during the conference.

2006 Conference Report-Jerry Kagele, Chairperson

The dates for the 2006 ABANA Conference have been set for July 5-8, 2006. ABANA has put down a deposit to the City of Seattle to use Sand Point Magnuson Park, located on Lake Washington and near the University of Washington campus. Sand Point is a recognized arts center.

The site will be an 87,000 square foot blimp hanger. The fee for the facilities is \$1,300 a day. At this point in time ABANA is in the final phases of approval with UW. Jerry Kagele recognized and introduced Terry Carson, NWBA President. Jerry then discussed the logistics of Seattle as a site and the idea of things being centrally located. "Fusion and Transformation in the Ring of Fire" will be the theme for the 2006 Conference. Containers will be shipped to Seattle on Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Jerry also discussed transportation, housing and food services and that advertising is underway. Will Hightower has agreed to serve as the 2006 Conference treasurer.

Old Business

Assessment of email voting-Maegan Crowley would like to see ABANA return to the US Postal mail voting system. Elizabeth Brim agreed as her computer is presently broken. Don encouraged members with this problem to contact the Central Office when they are off line to inquire as to current activities.

Don Kemper wanted to know if Tim had prepared 'Thank You' forms for auction items. He indicated they had been prepared and needed the Central Office to send them out. Will Hightower also mentioned that auction donation tax deduction forms are available.

Website advertising-Rob Edwards addressed this issue and reported that they are just about done with the site and ready to link to the ABANA site.

New Business

Jack Andrews discussed that Robert Ruhloff had turned over the copyrights to the *Julius Schramm* book to Skip Jack Press. Jack is willing to hand over the rights to ABANA and sell them as an e-book. Jack discussed how ebooks work and indicated that BookMasters, Inc., could produce the product. Don Kemper charged Dave Mudge, Maegan Crowley and Murray Lowe to follow up on this with Jack and make a report at the fall board meeting. Will Hightower wished to thank Jack Andrews for his generosity

David Edens from the American Farrier's Association discussed areas of mutually beneficial relationship with ABANA. Areas included group insurance and public relations. Will Hightower and LeeAnn Mitchell both indicated a willingness to work with them on this new relationship.

2008 ABANA Conference

Jonathan Nedbor of the Northeastern Blacksmiths Association proposed the idea of hosting the 2008 ABANA Conference in New Paltz, New York. The board asked a variety of basic site questions. Don Kemper asked Dave Koenig to send Jonathan a 'hit list' of major questions for the university as he pursued initial contact with SUNY and that Jonathan prepare a preliminary report for the Seattle board meeting.

2010 ABANA Conference

Loreli Sims is looking at several different venues in the state of Illinois for the 2010 ABANA Conference.

Election Issues

Will Hightower discussed the idea that ABANA move the June 15th deadline back, at least in conference years, so that candidates could be recruited and submit their candidate applications at ABANA conferences.

MOTION #4

Will Higtower made a motion that ABANA delay the deadline for board nominations in order to accommodate the recruitment of candidates at the conferences. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. Jerry Kagele moved to table the motion. Bob Jacoby seconded the motion to table.

Don Kemper asked Jerry Kagele and Bob Jacoby look into this matter and bring a plan to the Seattle meeting.

Scott Lankton discussed ideas to improve the quality of *The Anvil's Ring*. Scott charged the publications committee to work on this. Maegan Crowley asked Scott Lankton to serve on the publications committee. Scott Lankton agreed to serve.

Michael Bondi asked about the present structure of the publications committee. He discussed ways for the committee to educate themselves as to the nature of the publishing industry so that they have a better knowledge and can better negotiate with the editors and the publisher.

Video Production

Several organizations have approached ABANA about the possibility of a video or series of videos devoted to blacksmithing. Dan Nauman, Elizabeth Brim, Wayne Coe and LeeAnn Mitchell all

agreed to work on this project and have a preliminary report concerning costs and production companies for the Seattle board meeting.

Wayne Coe discussed non-profit legal protection and the Doug Kluender workshop that he attended during the conference. He mentioned the quality of Doug Kluender's presentation and strongly suggested that the board invite Doug to present the same workshop at the Seattle Board meeting.

Don Kemper read a letter from Toby Hickman inviting LeeAnn Mitchell, Central Office Administrator to attend the annual CBA Conference this October. The ABANA Board declined to send the Central Office to the CBA Fall meeting.

MOTION #5

Will Hightower moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dan Nauman seconded the motion.