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## ABANA Resolutions from Board Meeting Minutes

(Last Update, November, 2006)

*Motions not included:*

*Nominations, approval of reports, dispensing with reading of minutes, adjournments*

### 1976 CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

- #1 A. Bealer—PASSED  
to pay students for their help at registration desk.
- #2 E. Studebaker—PASSED  
to purchase reproduced Yellin films (price not to exceed \$300).
- #3 Mack Beal—PASSED  
that student members should only be allowed a one year membership at \$5 and that the membership should be increased to \$15 thereafter.
- #4 Brent Kington—PASSED  
to sponsor the purchase of Damascus steel knives to give to the major contributors in appreciation of their efforts in promoting this conference.
- #5 Ivan Bailey—PASSED  
allow officers and members of the Board to be reimbursed for transportation to special meeting if they wanted.

### 1977 ENFIELD, OHIO

Spontaneous meeting with no formal motions made.

### 1978 (MARCH) NEW YORK

- #6 Mack Beal—PASSED  
that the Board of Directors be changed from 6 to 10 members and that the executive committee be composed of president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, and secretary/treasurer.
- #7 Ivan Bailey—PASSED  
that Manfred Bredohl be made an honorary member of ABANA and be entitled to three years of *The Anvil's Ring* at no charge.

### 1978 (AUGUST) CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

- #8 Jim Wallace—PASSED  
to give honorary memberships to Cyril Stanley Smith and Evert Johnson for their contributions to ABANA and blacksmithing.

### 1979 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

- #9 Dimitri Gerakaris—PASSED  
that a letter of appreciation for their work on *The Anvil's Ring* be sent to Alex Bealer and Joan Abbott.
- #10 Bill Gasparini—PASSED  
that chapter recognition be granted [Western Australia & Oregon] and that chapters should have by-laws identical to ABANA by-laws.

- #11 Tom Bredlow—PASSED  
that \$7.50 per regular member be refunded to the chapters [of the \$25 dues to a chapter].
- #12 Tom Bredlow—PASSED  
that an enabling program be supported when presented.
- #13 Dimitri Gerakaris—PASSED  
that a new membership category be established—Overseas membership rate of \$32 per year, US funds.
- #14 George Martin—PASSED  
that \$10,000 from the treasury be put into investment.
- #15 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
that Dimitri Gerakaris be appointed to the Executive Committee.
- #16 ?—PASSED  
that Francis Whitaker draft a letter outlining the services which ABANA could offer chapters.
- #17 Ivan Bailey—PASSED  
to resolve the establishment of a memorial fund in memory of Jonathan Kehrler at the request of his parents and that a letter of condolence be sent by the President.
- #18 Darryl Meier—PASSED  
that the conference be held in August 1980 at the Santa Cruz site and that the Board of Directors appoint a committee to answer any questions that the CBA may have regarding this.
- #19 Tom Bredlow—PASSED  
that \$200 be donated to the National Ornamental Metal Museum in appreciation and to cover costs of having the Board meeting in Memphis at the Museum.

#### **1980 SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA**

- #20 ?—PASSED  
to keep chapters and the chapter rebate was rescinded.
- #21 ?—PASSED  
Helen Bealer voted a lifetime member of ABANA.
- #22 S. Rosenberg—PASSED  
the Treasurer provide a summary of the financial status of the organization for publication in *The Anvil's Ring*.
- #23 David Court—PASSED  
the membership report be published in *The Anvil's Ring*.
- #24 Bill Gasparini—PASSED  
that new members in ABANA receive a list of officers and Board members of ABANA with their names and addresses and a letter of welcome along with a list of present members in their state.
- #25 Darryl Meier—PASSED  
that a non-monetary award for service to blacksmithing be established to perpetuate the memory of Alex Bealer and that the President appoint a committee to explore the nature of such an award and criteria for selection of recipients.
- #26 Tom Bredlow—PASSED  
the President appoint David Court to the position of Second Corresponding Secretary to perform the function of "switch board" correspondent for: (a) nerve-center newsletters for inter-Board communications, (b) disseminate information on and collect votes of Board of director decisions.
- #27 E. Studebaker—PASSED  
selection of a president's council to consist of chapter president or member and regional heads to participate in suggestions and advice to the president and Board.

- #28 Robert Owings—PASSED  
the concept that the corresponding secretary coordinate the information between the President's Council and the Board of Directors and publish a newsletter bi-monthly to be circulated among the Board of Directors and Chapter and Regional heads.
- #29 George Martin—PASSED  
that the membership be advised through *The Anvil's Ring* that the Newsletter would be available for a fee to be determined.
- #30 E. Stuebaker—PASSED  
to review the chapter question and submit an outline of a proposed organization structure and affiliation of ABANA chapters.
- #31 E. Stuebaker—PASSED  
to budget the request of Dimitri Gerakaris of \$25,000 for *The Anvil's Ring* for one year.
- #32 George Martin—PASSED  
the exceptional performance of Tom Bredlow in holding the organization together and appreciation of his efforts by the Board be noted in the minutes.

### 1981 TIPP CITY, OHIO

- #33 Bill Gichner—PASSED  
that Karl Dance be appointed to coordinate the Alex Bealer Memorial.
- #34 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
that the concept of the President's Council be abandoned.
- #35 Joe Humble—PASSED  
all educational benefits to ABANA Chapters and all individual ABANA members be provided at cost (basis) and to all non-members at a set fee.
- #36 Darryl Meier—PASSED  
the final approval of site for national conference after 1982 be made by vote to Board of Directors of ABANA after the 1982 conference.
- #37 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
the Board of Directors approve Upper Midwest area for the 1984 national conference of ABANA.
- #38 Darryl Meier—PASSED  
the Board of Directors meet at every national conference and alternate year meeting be conducted by mail.
- #39 Bill Gichner—PASSED  
that \$5,000 as seed money be paid from ABANA treasury to 1982 Conference Committee.
- #40 Bill Gichner—PASSED  
that the Indiana Blacksmith Association be recognized and achieve chapter status in ABANA.
- #41 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
to allocate \$29,000 to *The Anvil's Ring* budget for the next four issues—Fall 1981 through Summer 1982.
- #42 Darryl Meier—PASSED  
close the debate on the chapter issue.

### 1982 RIPLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

- #43 S. Rosenberg—PASSED  
to send a letter of thanks to Cedar Lakes management for the manner in which they accommodated the conference and the help that they gave.
- #44 Jim Wallace—PASSED  
that the Board of Directors approve, in principle, that the name of ABANA be linked to the Yellin Foundation.

- #45 Jim Wallace—PASSED  
that \$2,500 be appropriated to Library Committee.
- #46 Dimitri Gerakaris—PASSED  
that the ABANA membership application and bill for dues be revised to include an option to make a special contribution to be divided between NOMM and the Yellin Foundation.
- #47 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
a major piece (specifically, the cork screw) made by a European demonstrator at the Ripley Conference be donated to the Appalachian Blacksmith Association. Also, all sketches be donated to same.
- #48 Jim English—PASSED  
the remainder of the pieces of Ripley and future conferences be retained by ABANA, stored in a suitable place, made available for showing. ABANA pay the cost of freight, storage and maintenance.
- #49 Dimitri Gerakaris—PASSED  
as soon as ABANA financial situation is resolved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board what financial assistance can be lent to NOMM and the Yellin Foundation.

### 1983 TIPP CITY, OH

- #50 Joe Humble—PASSED  
Alaska group be accepted as an ABANA Chapter.
- #51 Jim English—PASSED  
approve Francis Whitaker as representative of ABANA to the Yellin Foundation.
- #52 David Court—PASSED  
the conference chairman may compensate conference help for reasonable out of pocket expense in the conduct of conference business not to exceed 5% of the total budget expenses.
- #53 Joe Humble—PASSED  
a vote of appreciation by the of Directors be made to Pete Minier, Boyd Bolton, and Steve Rosenberg for coordinating the conference.
- #54 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
accept the resignation of Dimitri Gerakaris from the Board.
- #55 Jim English—PASSED  
that John Dittmeier be appointed to complete the term of Dimitri Gerakaris, two years remaining.
- #56 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
to budget \$35,000 to publish four issues of *The Anvil's Ring*.
- #57 David Court—PASSED  
the price of back issues of *The Anvil's Ring* be no less than \$8.00 per issue to members and \$10.00 for non-members. Motion rescinded by Board Motion #423-Stiegler, November 2001.
- #58 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
rescind the motion made by Jim Wallace at the 1982 Board meeting that the budgetary cost overhead of *The Anvil's Ring* be taken out of the editor's salary as production manager.
- #59 Pete Minier—FAILED  
that the budget of the ABANA Library Committee Chairman be accepted as amended to include \$400 for a slide projector.
- #60 David Court—PASSED  
the budget of the Slide Library Committee be accepted less the hardware items.
- #61 Jim English—PASSED  
that membership dues not be increased.

- #62 Pete Minier—PASSED  
the approval of the ABANA budget from September 1982 to August 1983 as amended by the Board.
- #63 Jim Fleming—TABLED  
to set up reference library shelves in up to ten universities nationwide for the use of area blacksmiths on a non-checkout basis.
- #64 Bill Gichner—PASSED  
the ABANA Board pursue the possibility of selecting the 1986 conference site in the Southwest USA.
- #65 Pete Minier—PASSED  
Manfred Bredohl be awarded life membership in ABANA for his unselfish contribution to the objective of ABANA.
- #66 Joe Humble—FAILED  
Judd Nelson be made an honorary member of ABANA.
- #67 John Dittmeier—PASSED  
the President issue a letter with a plaque award to Judd Nelson recognizing his contribution, inspiration and many years of service to blacksmithing.

### 1984 DEPERE, WI

- #68 Jim Fleming—PASSED  
minutes of the 1983 meeting be accepted and approved.
- #69 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
have the '86 ABANA Conference in Arizona with AABA and SWABA.
- #70 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
the Board appropriate \$35,000 to the editor of *The Anvil's Ring* for publication of four issues.
- #71 Stan Strickland—PASSED  
accept both New England and SWABA as ABANA Chapters.
- #72 Bill Gichner—PASSED  
to send \$1,500 to NOMM.
- #73 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
approve the auction tonight of donated tools and pieces of work divide the proceeds between the Yellin Foundation and the NOMM.
- #74 Bud Oggier—PASSED  
the ABANA Library pursue other means of marketing the tapes held by the ABANA Library.
- #75 Bud Oggier—PASSED  
proposed budget be accepted.

### 1985 TIPP CITY, OHIO

- #76 Bill Gichner—PASSED  
to accept Jim Garretts Insurance Report and proceed with business.
- #77 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
to change the dates of the Nominating Committee assignment to read: 1) Mailing date for ballots January 15th, 2) Return ballots should be post marked no later than midnight February 15th, 3) Nominations post marked no later than midnight, November 30th.
- #78 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
that the Board accept the Financial Policy as drawn up by Larry Wood.
- #79 Fred Caylor—PASSED  
Emmert Studebaker be allowed to pay for a 1" ad in Popular Mechanics Magazine.
- #80 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
to accept the by laws changed as proposed.

- #81 Carl Van Arnam—PASSED  
the Board accept the candidate recommended for the Alex Bealer Award.
- #82 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
to award Alex Bealer the award at the 1986 Conference (thereby giving two awards).
- #83 Fred Caylor—PASSED  
to place Larry Wood's name in nomination for the Alex Bealer Award Committee.
- #84 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
reconsider awarding the Alex Bealer Award to the recipient at the Southeast Conference in Madison, Georgia.
- #85 Fred Caylor—PASSED  
that Jim Fleming be allowed to pursue the name tag project and report back.
- #86 Carol Saskowski—PASSED  
Bill Callaway be allowed to pursue the publication of the ABANA Calendar as an annual event.
- #87 Jim Fleming—PASSED  
to change fiscal year to same as calendar year.
- #88 Bill Gichner—FAILED  
Judd Nelson be given an honorary membership in ABANA for his services.
- #89 R. Timberlake—PASSED  
ABANA pursue Kenneth Lynch's offer to disperse the tool collection.
- #90 Jim Garrett—PASSED  
ABANA contribute \$100 to the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.
- #91 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
Stan Strickland be sent to California for the next CBA meeting.
- #92 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
that Ruth Cook be moved to a salaried position.
- #93 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
that a salary of \$16,000 per year be established for the executive secretary to be paid biweekly, effective immediately.
- #94 Stan Strickland—PASSED  
that the budget be adopted.

**1986 FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA**

- #95 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
minutes be amended to include the report by Ruth Cook.
- #96 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
a temporary three member committee be established to look into the best methods of handling the scholarship fund and report back to the Board.
- #97 Bill Gichner—PASSED  
that Carol Saskowski be replaced as ABANA Board member for non-performance of duties.
- #98 Bill Gichner—PASSED  
Jack Brubaker be appointed to serve on the Board replacing Carol Saskowski.
- #99 Fred Caylor—PASSED  
that Judd Nelson be made an honorary lifetime member of ABANA.
- #100 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
that the Secretary/Treasurer be split into two positions, Secretary and Treasurer.

- #101 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
a one year exception to existing Board policy be approved to allow sale of demonstration pieces at this conference.
- #102 Stan Strickland—PASSED  
the suggested [membership] fees be approved starting January 1, 1987 billing of members.
- #103 Bud Oggier—PASSED  
the budget be approved for 1987.
- #104 Bud Oggier—PASSED  
if sufficient funds are not available by November 15, 1986 the printing of the winter issue of *The Anvil's Ring* will be delayed by notice of the president to the editor.
- #105 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
ABANA support the investigation of a possible conference in Ontario for 1990.

### 1986 TIPP CITY, OH

(No Motions Made)

### 1987 (MAY) TIPP CITY, OHIO

- #106 Susan Showalter—PASSED  
the attending ABANA Board Members and the persons referenced in the letter of February 26, 1987 be reimbursed for travel expenses up to approximately \$200 each. The total sum to be expended on the Board meeting is not to exceed \$4000.
- #107 Susan Showalter—PASSED  
to approve the tentative meeting agenda as a formal Board agenda.
- #108 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
that the Treasurer's Report be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Susan Showalter. The committee would review the report and give suggestions to the Board as new business.
- #109 Mike Bondi—?  
to review the 1985-1986 Treasurer's Report and recommend suggestions on costs on an audit of the books.
- #110 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
amend motion #109 for the Committee Report back to the Board under new business of the Board meeting.
- #111 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
to reaffirm the understanding that any copies of *The Anvil's Ring* are property of ABANA.
- #112 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
to drop any legal action regarding the return of *The Anvil's Ring* back issues.
- #113 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
a committee be set up to review the ABANA Library and report back to the Board.
- #114 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
appoint a committee to study the budget of *The Anvil's Ring*.
- #115 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
adopt a personnel policy.
- #116 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
to hire an accountant and with the Treasurer set up and maintain a bookkeeping and payroll system for ABANA and to do a year end audit and taxes.
- #117 Susan Showalter—PASSED  
the Executive Secretary take minutes for the meeting and that the minutes be handed over to the Secretary to be signed.

- #118 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
to go into the Executive Session.
- #119 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
to move on to consideration of expenses.
- #120 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
close the meeting to Board members only.
- #121 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
this report [Executive Secretary Committee] be discussed with each member limited to three minutes.
- #122 D. Hendrickson—PASSED  
accept the job description as refined in discussion.
- #123 Susan Showalter—PASSED  
the three year discount option on ABANA fees be terminated as of August 1, 1987 reverting to the dues schedule as approved at the 1986 Flagstaff Board meeting.
- #124 Bud Oggier—PASSED  
acceptance of 1987 budget as proposed with proviso that the Executive Secretary retains her existing salary for 60 days and that she will give us notice whether she will retain or vacate her post within 30 days.
- #125 Joe Humble—PASSED  
Prairie Blacksmiths, Kentucky Blacksmiths, and Mississippi Forge Council be approved as ABANA Chapters.
- #126 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
office budget be proposed to Ruth Cook by entire Executive Committee.
- #127 Joe Harris—PASSED  
President send a letter to Chapter Presidents and Newsletter Editors asking them to include ABANA membership applications in their newsletter.
- #128 Joe Harris—PASSED  
ABANA accept the offer of Norm Larson to use the copies of *The Anvil's Rings* now in his possession as part of a promotional campaign to sell his books and ABANA memberships.
- #129 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
that Lou Torock create an index of *The Anvil's Ring*.
- #130 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
ABANA request SOFA donate funds to ABANA and that they write to other chapters challenging them to do the same.
- #131 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
annual Board meetings be held before the end of the year to allow for planning of the next year's budget and that the Board should provide an agenda for the membership meetings.
- #132 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
*The Anvil's Ring* Committee consider managing international monetary exchanges between ABANA and BABA and other groups to facilitate easier cross national memberships.
- #133 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
Daryl Nelson be chairman of the Kehrler Memorial Fund.
- #134 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
the Board accept Francis Whitaker's nominees for the Francis Whitaker Educational Fund Committee.
- #135 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
Joe Harris and Ken Hamble be appointed Inspectors of the Election.

- #136 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
the Board authorize Jack Brubaker to proceed with attempts to publish a "Best of The Anvil's Ring" and that Daryl Nelson will investigate publishing a fine edition for public sales.
- #137 D. Hendrickson—PASSED  
if a Board member incurs an expense that he or she can not handle in the course of carrying out ABANA business that he or she may appeal to the president for relief.
- #138 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
that Bill Callaway and Leonard Masters be ABANA representatives to the 1987 BABA Conference.

**1987 KINGSTON, TENNESSEE**

- #139 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
line item #13 on the 1987 budget should indicate "Election 1986".
- #140 Susan Showalter—PASSED  
to obtain a financial accounting of the books beginning August 1986 at the time of Jim Batson's presidency to January 1, 1987 by a committee of the Board as per the request of Jim Batson.
- #141 Nol Putnam—PASSED  
to obtain an Opinion Audit for fiscal year 1987 by a CPA, not to exceed \$1,500 without consulting the Executive Committee.
- #142 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
Jim Fleming act as liaison to handle all business, financial, and communication surrounding the Francis Whitaker Fund, pending approval by Francis Whitaker.
- #143 Joe Pehoski—PASSED  
to spend \$45 for promotion of *The Anvil's Ring* subscription at the American Library Association Midwinter Conference through EBSCO.
- #144 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
to offer chapters specific back issues, determined by the Executive Secretary and Treasurer at a wholesale price.
- #145 Nol Putnam—PASSED  
to send as full a set as possible to the Library of Congress with an offer to subscribe for future issues.
- #146 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
put an ad in *The Anvil's Ring* for the discounted sale of a set of back issues (as complete as possible), understanding that the price remains the same as the set shrinks in size throughout the year.
- #147 Susan Showalter—PASSED  
to raffle two sets (as complete as possible) of magazines through *The Anvil's Ring* and at the Sloss Furnace Conference for a nominal fee of \$5.00 and donate the proceeds to the ABANA Library.
- #148 Joe Pehoski—PASSED  
Joe Pehoski and Janelle Gilbert rewrite the apprenticeship/employment questionnaire for review by the Board in time to include in the January renewal bulk mailing.
- #149 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
to accept the six point proposal for Finance Committee duties amended by the Board.
- #150 Jack Brubaker—PASSED  
to authorize Mike Bondi to negotiate a contract with Dartmouth Publishers.
- #151 Susan Showalter—PASSED  
to table the discussion regarding a 20% discount on *The Anvil's Ring* back issues for chapters and members until after the budget is discussed.
- #152 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
to obtain a proposal from Martha Garrett for the management of the ABANA Office

- #153 Joe Humble—PASSED  
to accept the proposed budget as stated.
- #154 Joe Pehoski—PASSED  
non-ABANA registrants for ABANA conferences must become ABANA members by paying the equivalent of one year's dues (\$35.00) in addition to the conference registration fee.
- #155 Nol Putnam—PASSED  
accept the [revised] finalized 1988 ABANA budget as shown on the chalk Board.
- #156 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
the ABANA Librarian, beginning with the 1990 conference will be provided with ABANA funds for photographic documentation of the gallery and all film documentation of the conferences.
- #157 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
to approve overruns on expenditures for 1987.

**1988 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

- #158 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
the discussion regarding the clarification of election rules be tabled and a motion to this effect could be made by mail before the fall election.
- #159 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
appoint the Finance Committee to work on a procedure format including specific guidelines for all ABANA financial transactions to be adopted by current and future officers.
- #160 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
proceed with Bill Callaway's suggestion to hire Ed Hirrold as ABANA's professional CPA at \$100 per month.
- #161 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
approve continued support for the Aachen Workstudy Program as administered by David Court.
- #162 Joe Pehoski—PASSED  
to assign the Secretary's Office with the help of Nol Putnam to review the options regarding the drop procedure, formulate a plan and mail it to the ABANA Board to be voted on before the November Board meeting.
- #163 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
distribute the spring issues of *The Anvil's Ring* (brought by Owings) to the Board members attending and all the rest be auctioned off or given to a person agreed upon (unless a better idea is formulated).
- #164 Joe Pehoski—PASSED  
accept the contract labor proposal by Janelle Gilbert for six months to operate the ABANA Office with the amendment to exclude the \$696 payment for equipment rental in exchange for the agreement by Gilbert to provide maintenance and repair during the contract period.
- #165 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
adopt a budget for *The Anvil's Ring* based on the report submitted by Robert Owings as written until the end of the year showing a total estimated figure of \$27,100 with a \$200 clause for computer maintenance, encompassed in the total.
- #166 Hans Peot—PASSED  
to accept the interpretation of the by-laws in Article VII, Section 2 as written which indicates that the membership elects one third of the Board members each year.
- #167 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
review and revise the by-laws to clear up the discrepancies and Joe Harris will head a committee to do this, appointing the rest of the committee.
- #168 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
budget \$2,000 for insurance coverage for ABANA Directors and Officers and then pursue obtaining this policy.

- #169 Hans Peot—PASSED  
accept the budget as written.
- #170 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
the pin be adopted as the official ABANA pin until changed and that *The Anvil's Ring* advertise the available purchase through the Executive Office.

**1988 TIPP CITY, OHIO**

- #171 Joe Harris—FAILED  
run a free ad in *The Anvil's Ring* as David Court has requested to promote the Aachen Workstudy Program.
- #172 D. Hendrickson—PASSED  
Mike Bondi write to David Court and notify him as to the ABANA Board's decision not to continue advertising the Aachen Workstudy Program in space other than the events page and obtain dates for the next session.
- #173 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
put an ad in *The Anvil's Ring* promoting the ABANA pin sales.
- #174 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
accept a proposed budget entry to raise the salary of ABANA's Accountant/Advisor, Ed Hirrold, to \$200 per month with an additional payment of \$500 for the 1988 audit at the end of the year.
- #175 Nol Putnam—PASSED  
accept his report [Nol's Membership Committee] and proposed budget allocation of \$2,000 for the membership committee to do advertising and promotion of ABANA memberships, to produce 10,000 brochures, and to purchase a KD collapsible trade show booth.
- #176 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
accept *The Anvil's Ring* Committee proposal to seek bids for editor, production team, and printing company contracts; solicit in *The Anvil's Ring* Fall '88 issue for editor resumes; allocate \$59,000 in the budget for an annual figure to cover the new contracts upon signing; and approve "*Best of The Anvil's Ring*" as a transitional tool.
- #177 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the Secretary's proposed budget allocations of \$25,000 for the Executive Secretary's contract and \$3,000 for postage expenses be accepted.
- #178 Mike Bondi—FAILED  
\$800 be allocated in the budget for legal services.
- #179 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
a proposed amount of \$800 be considered in the development of the 1989 budget for legal services.
- #180 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the Board of directors schedule one meeting per year with a second meeting called in an emergency if needed as outlined in the bylaws.
- #181 Joe Pehoski—PASSED  
that \$800 proposed allocation be considered for the 1989 budget [ABANA Library].
- #182 Joe Harris—PASSED  
accept the budget.
- #183 Mike Bondi—TABLED  
an option in the bylaws allowing the president to make a motion by phone followed by written motion within 10 days for executive Board voting.
- #184 Hans Peot—FAILED  
to change the bylaws under Article X, Section 2 to read "Nominees selected from the general membership shall be endorsed with names of not less than five members."

- #185 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
accept the nine minor revisions edited by the Board which Joe Harris will record in a final draft.
- #186 Hans Peot—PASSED  
reduce inventory expense by offering most of the 1,000 Sear Catalogues in stock to chapters who want them for fund-raising if they are willing to pay the shipping charge.

**1989 TIPP CITY, OHIO**

- #187 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
appoint Albert Anderson of Penn State University to be the new editor of *The Anvil's Ring* and the specifics of transfer to be worked out by *The Anvil's Ring* Committee.
- #188 Ward Brinegar—PASSED  
accept the Great Plains Blacksmith Association as an ABANA Chapter as they have met all the requirements.
- #189 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
form a committee with Chairman Bill Callaway, Bud Oggier, Joe Harris, and Dorothy Stiegler to investigate the options of handling the Francis Whitaker Book Fund and report back to the Board.
- #190 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
set the one day registration fee for the 1990 ABANA Conference at \$50 Saturday only, providing that the insurance policy does not require that each person be an ABANA members.
- #191 Hans Peot—PASSED  
to provide the chairperson of the Overall Conference Committee expenditure funds not to exceed 10% of the NET profits for the hosting chapter.
- #192 Hans Peot—PASSED  
transfer ABANA's Leading Edge computer to Dorothy Stiegler for the purpose of using for ABANA work.
- #193 Leonard Masters—TABLED  
provide a complimentary membership/subscription to the Iron Library in Schaffhausen, Switzerland in exchange for their publication.
- #194 Clayton Carr—PASSED  
table the motion (above) until Masters can get information about the cost of overseas mailing and investigate the interest of Jim Wallace in receiving the exchanged publication for the NOMM library.
- #195 Bud Oggier—PASSED  
accept the proposed budget.
- #196 Hans Peot—PASSED  
accept the Kherer Fund Guidelines proposed with the deletion of item #4 ({Perpetuation of the fund can be done by earmarking 10% of the conference auction profits... ”).
- #197 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
the Chapter Liaison Committee inform the ABANA Chapters that the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the chapter presidents and editors will be published in *The Anvil's Ring*.
- #198 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
pursue the 1992 conference site for Cal Poly, California and the 1994 conference site at St. Norberts College, in DePier, Wisconsin.
- #199 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
hire Alan Flashing for the 1990 ABANA Conference photographer.

**1990 ALFRED, NEW YORK**

- #200 Hans Peot—TABLED  
send a notice immediately on bad checks and give the member 30 days to send a money order.

- #201 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
adopt the Chapter Liaison Committee proposal of recommended guidelines for ABANA Chapter membership and the responsibilities of ABANA to the chapters and that the chapters include the current President's Message in their newsletters.
- #202 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
refund an amount of \$100 to Ray Nager for his wife's room and Board (she was not able to attend) and reimburse Doug Hendrickson for the costs incurred to put together the "Ring Project" auctioned for the Museum Fund.
- #203 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
transfer the money from the two Francis Whitaker accounts to the Francis Whitaker Foundation when Francis receives approval for non-profit status.
- #204 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the electric equipment purchased by the conference be used at the next conference unless the expense for shipment turns out to be impractical.
- #205 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
ABANA should pursue the idea to compile a catalogue, as described in the Board memo proposal, of the members who wish to pursue public business, providing that the legal guidelines for 501 (c) (3)-non-profit status allow it.
- #206 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
send the Canadian Crafts Council a complimentary membership/subscription and a full set of back issues.
- #207 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
Board meetings be increased to twice a year (Spring/Fall) and be effective immediately to include this meeting as the first for 1990 with a review for any financial burden from the reimbursement of travel expenses not to exceed the lowest Supersaver rate for airline tickets at the time of the meeting. Motion rescinded by Board Motion #423-Stiegler, November 2001.
- 208 Leonard Masters—PASSED  
that Leonard stay on as the Tour Coordinator through the Aachen conference though his term [on the Board] is ending in October.

### 1990 TIPP CITY, OHIO

- #209 Peter Happny—PASSED  
ABANA provide free mailing labels of ABANA members in exchange for four tapes of Tim McCreight, "The Complete Metalsmith" produced by the Brookfield Crafts Center to be used in the library. A release for copying would be acquired for these tapes.
- #210 Clayton Carr—PASSED  
the membership amounts remain the same for Canadians and overseas mail and defer further discussion for the next Board meeting after postage is increased in the Spring.
- #211 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
the Board adopt committee recommendations on the changes.
- #212 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
the discussion on changes in the editor's office be tabled and that the meeting move on to the next report.
- #213 Hans Peot—PASSED  
proceed with the marketing sourcebook.
- #214 Ward Brinegar—PASSED  
accept the revision of the renewal application on postcard as circulated in the meeting by Janelle.
- #215 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
the money in the Bealer Award Gate Fund be used for future purchase of froes engraved for the award rather than putting it in the budget as a line item.

- #216 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
Brad Silberberg be directed to research the cost and feasibility of producing an ABANA T-shirt for a new sales item.
- #217 Bud Oggier—PASSED  
accept the budget.
- #218 Hans Peot—PASSED  
each committee submit a five year plan to the Long Term Planning Committee by February 10, 1991.
- #219 Hans Peot—PASSED  
a goal be set to provide \$25,000 from conference profits to be used for the set up of the 1992 Conference.
- #220 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
look into St. Norbert College, Wisconsin as the 1994 Conference and the 1996 Conference to be held in North Carolina.
- #221 Hans Peot—PASSED  
ABANA write a one year contract for the Editor's position with Al Anderson and that the contract be written up by Andy Quittner.
- #222 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
accept the budget of the conference funds available for extra expenses as requested.
- #223 Ward Brinegar—PASSED  
accept the North Texas Blacksmiths Association as a chapter of ABANA.

**1991 TIPP CITY, OHIO**

- #224 John Pollins—PASSED  
accept the 1992 income projection.
- #225 Hans Peot—PASSED  
not to accept the requests from committees for a total [expense] projection of \$131,520 as outlined above as it does not balance with the projected income.
- #226 Charlie Orlando—AMENDED  
accept the budget of \$131,520 with the requests as listed.
- #227 Charlie Orlando—AMENDED  
accept amended with the revised request of the Marketing Committee.
- #228 Charlie Orlando—PASSED  
accept as amended with the requests entered as Library for \$1,500, Marketing for \$3,880, and Board Travel at \$4,500.
- #229 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
that Charlie Orlando be parliamentarian, with the stipulation that he explain the duties of parliamentarian to the Board.
- #230 Clayton Carr—PASSED  
to accept the new structure of Membership Services to govern a Membership Committee, Chapter Liaison Committee, and Marketing Committee.
- #231 Charlie Orlando—PASSED  
change the seed money amount of \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the current conference, \$10,000 of which is on the off year and \$5,000 on the conference year and an additional \$2,000 for future conference development.
- #232 Bill Callaway—TABLED  
ABANA immediately begin publishing a newsletter four times per year to come out between the magazines at the estimated cost of \$2,500 per year.

- #233 Charlie Orlando—PASSED  
the President appoint a Financial Advisory Committee to assist the Treasurer in making financial decisions.
- #234 Hans Peot—PASSED  
any child 16 or older shall pay \$175 for registration at the conference and those younger shall get in free of charge.

**1992 SAN LOUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

- #235 Charlie Orlando—PASSED  
accept the proposal from ACES at Alfred State College as a tentative site for the 1996 conference.
- #236 Jim Ryan—AMENDED  
the Blacksmith Resource Register (Directory) be accepted as presented for an alphabetical listing.
- #237 Joel Schwartz—PASSED  
amend the motion [above] that the committee have a long range plan to develop this resource in catalogue form.
- #238 Brad Silberberg—PASSED  
finish up with the Old Business agenda and break to hold a brainstorming session to deal with the issue of long term goals of ABANA.
- #239 Hans Peot—PASSED  
accept the recommendations in the by-laws report but that they not be implemented until such time is appropriate when new planning ideas are picked up from the following bainstorm session.
- #240 Jim Ryan—FAILED  
break for 15 minutes and go into Executive Session in order to brainstorm for long term planning.
- #241 Joel Schwartz—PASSED  
make a brainstorming session after adjournment of the meeting.
- #242 Peter Happny—PASSED  
distribute information regarding ABANA bequeaths to members at the ABANA booth during the conference.
- #243 David Mathews—TABLED  
accept the logo design #3 of Tom Wilson submissions.
- #244 Bill Callaway—AMENDED  
accept the offer to sell the MacFarlane's Castings book sets and start with order taking at the ABANA booth set up at the conference.
- #245 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the Board of directors will allow the Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary to decide how many to order at a time.

**1993 TIPP CITY, OHIO**

- #246 Joel Schwartz—PASSED  
brief the Board in summary of the report [By-Laws Changes] prior to adjourning for dinner.
- #247 Joel Schwartz—PASSED  
consider the first section of the By-Laws Change Proposal and refer the second section back to committee for re-development.
- #248 John Pollins—PASSED  
amend Section 1 of article 4, to determine a method of disassociating chapters from the parent organization (ABANA) on the basis that chapters who do not meet the requirements to maintain at least 8 members or 25% of their dual ABANA/Chapter memberships would be disassociated.
- #249 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
there be a wording amendment on section 1(d) "if appropriate".

- #250 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
refer the whole proposal, regarding the inclusion of chapters in the by-laws, back to committee for review.
- #251 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the by-law changes (which were approved by the Board in June at the meeting in San Louis Obispo CA), along with the amendments to the by-laws (approved in this meeting), be compiled by the Secretary, and all changes sent out to the membership for voting.
- #252 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the old ABANA [Leading Edge] computer be sold to past president Dorothy Stiegler and the old ABANA typewriter be given to someone interested.
- #253 Hans Peot—PASSED  
10% commission on all sales items, less expenses sold outside the office, be given to the Executive Secretary (Office Productions) as an addition to the contract payment.
- #254 Toby Hickman—PASSED  
at the discretion of the Sales Committee, individuals or associations (excluding Board members) may be commissioned to sell ABANA items at a 10% commission.
- #255 Joel Schwartz—PASSED  
accept the revisions, additions, and conditions for five resolutions as noted under the discussion and noted on the attached copy of the report [Conference Planning Committee].
- #256 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
accept the Bonneville Forge Council (Utah) as an ABANA Chapter.
- #257 John Pollins—PASSED  
fund the quarterly newsletter, as proposed by Jim Ryan (see report on file), from reserve monies and try to get other funding for the second year adding \$6,500 to the budget.
- #258 Mike Bondi—FAILED  
table the discussion, take it back to the committee to readdress the Board with a more specific proposal for the endowment fund.
- #259 Hans Peot—PASSED  
proceed with the contracting of Chelsea Noggle for the re-illustration of the Blacksmith Sketchbook and that the funds from the final sales item of the book be put back into the general fund.
- #260 Mike Bondi—PASSED  
accept the budget as written.
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- #261 Joel Schwartz—PASSED  
disband the pin fund and move the \$1,504.44 to the general account.
- #262 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
ABANA send a letter to the Yellin Foundation on behalf of the Board, asking for an accounting of how funding from ABANA has been used with a request for financial statements.
- #263 Toby Hickman—PASSED  
accept the Chapter Liaison Committee report with recommendation that the Supplier and Schools/Demo lists be moved to the Membership Committee.
- #264 Tom Clark—PASSED  
accept the Library Committee report with recommendation as given [ABANA Archival Library be sent to the National Ornamental Metal Museum].
- #265 Hans Peot—PASSED  
table the poster project unless funding was available.

- #266 Bill Callaway—PASSED  
that it should be resolved: for a smooth transition of the treasurer's office, all accounts shall be changed over and new accountants appointed at a time convenient for Pete Brandenburg and Bill Callaway.
- #267 Bill Callaway—TABLED  
send the newsletter printing out for bid (3) with a set of guidelines written by Andy Quittner and that the lowest bid be accepted.
- #268 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
bring the [above] tabled motion back on the floor for discussion.
- #269 Hans Peot—PASSED  
accept the Publication Committee's request for \$13,000 for 1994.
- #270 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
that it be stated at the general membership meeting in June 1994 what we have done in essence and what we will do in fact by the vote of this group, is to define a "regular" membership as a family membership.
- #271 Tom Clark—PASSED  
to add to the motion [above] "with this change of definition to be reflected in the next change in the by-laws."
- #272 Toby Hickman—AMENDED  
any woman invited to demonstrate and asked to specifically teach women, be also given an opportunity for that demonstrator to demonstrate on the non-gender demonstrating agenda.
- #273 George Dixon—TABLED  
a change in the motion [above] read "... that there be also an available opportunity for all special teaching demonstrators to be on the regular agenda of demonstrations".
- #274 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
that the motions [two above] be tabled in order to refer the issues back to committee.
- #275 Hans Peot—PASSED  
set up a General Sales Fund of \$10,000 from reserves. The Sales Committee would use these funds for procurement of conference and regular sales items so that the Sales Committee could maintain an operating fund. Any income exceeding operating expenses would be returned as sales income.
- #276 Toby Hickman—PASSED  
accept the 1994 budget with approved line item changes.
- #277 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
use \$13,000 out of general fund to pay for the cost of producing four newsletter issues for 1994.
- #278 Tom Clark—PASSED  
use the proceeds from the Iron & Hat sales from the conference to be given to the Scholarship Fund.
- #279 Joel Schwartz—FAILED  
raise the membership dues \$1.50 to defer a portion of the cost of the *Hammer's Blow* newsletter.
- #280 Tim Ryan—FAILED  
the By-Laws Committee look into adding a new classification of membership type "professional" and that the dues would be \$100 per year.
- #281 John Pollins—PASSED  
ABANA authorize Industrial Coverage Corporation to bind coverage availability for ABANA Chapters in accordance with the insurance package proposal presented in the Board meeting and that Industrial Coverage Corporation is invited to submit proposals for individual ABANA members insurance coverage for our consideration.

- #282 Tim Ryan—AMENDED  
the income from Contributory Membership dues (excess over and above the core member fee of \$35) be given to the Exhibition Committee.
- #283 Toby Hickman—PASSED  
amend the motion [above] to be done for a period of three years and subject to review.

#### 1994 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

- #284 George Dixon—PASSED  
the Board formally follow the Treasurer's recommendation to accept the 1992 Conference Report as it was given.
- #285 George Dixon—PASSED  
a letter be sent to the Samuel Yellin Foundation informing them that the Board has voted to cease donating, why this action was taken, with an outline of the requirements for reconsideration.

#### 1994 TIPP CITY, OHIO

- #286 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the Board delay the election of all officers until the meeting begins on Saturday.
- #287 Hans Peot—PASSED  
accept the '94 Conference Committee report as given.
- #288 P. Brandenburg—PASSED  
no one shall open an ABANA bank account without a written resolution of the ABANA Board of Directors that bears the impression of ABANA's corporate seal.
- #289 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the bonds be increased to \$50,000 per individual.
- #290 P. Brandenburg—PASSED  
the officer signatures be changed on the bank accounts to reflect the new officers.
- #291 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
*The Anvil's Ring* no longer be mailed in a plastic bag. Motion rescinded by Board Motion #423-Stiegler, November 2001.
- #292 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
the Board approve the renewal for contract with Visual Strategies for the coming year.
- #293 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
the Board approve the contract with Robert Owings for the coming year.
- #294 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
Jim Ryan's contract not be renewed as editor of *Hammer's Blow*.
- #295 Clayton Carr—PASSED  
to increase Conference seed money from \$10,000 to \$15,000 if needed.
- #296 John Pollins III—PASSED  
accept the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance as a chapter of ABANA.
- #297 Tim Ryan—FAILED  
ABANA establish a new membership category with full voting rights but that does not entitle the member to an *The Anvil's Ring* but only provides the *Hammer's Blow* newsletter with dues at \$15 per year.
- #298 Tim Ryan—DIED  
reduce the regular membership fee from \$35 to \$30.
- #299 Tim Ryan—DIED drop the Library Committee, moving the rental portion of their responsibilities to the Sales Committee and moving the production of new videos portion of their responsibility to the Publication Committee.

- #300 P. Brandenburg—PASSED  
carry over the \$2,000 unrestricted exhibit fund into next year.
- #301 John Pollins III—PASSED  
accept the proposed budget as amended for 1995.
- #302 Tim Ryan—PASSED  
Treasurer Pete Brandenburg have the discretion to determine the best way to allocate funds for the Sales Committee.
- #303 Clay Spencer—PASSED  
the actions taken by the Executive Committee be ratified.
- #304 P. Brandenburg—PASSED  
\$100 be donated to the Studebaker Foundation.
- #305 Tim Ryan—PASSED  
adopt a new organization structure for our committees similar to that in the sample handout without the details of subcommittees at the discretion of the president.

### 1995 TIPP CITY, OHIO

- #306 Hans Peot—PASSED  
that the Board accept Andy's [Quittner] last write-up from the July 12 Board mailing and that the chapter definition be included in the by-laws changes. An amendment to this motion included the addition to Article III-A, f. "other structured operating procedures".
- #307 Clay Spencer—PASSED  
the 1998 ABANA Conference be held at Asheville, NC accepting the proposal as presented by George Dixon.
- #308 Hans Peot—PASSED  
carry the \$2,000 in unrestricted funds for the Exhibition Committee over to 1996.
- #309 Hans Peot—PASSED  
accept the Marketing Report as given. An amendment to this motion to specify the acceptance of the plan to sponsor Beginner's Workshops around the country by providing a specially built trailer to haul the ten forges and anvils.
- #310 John Pollins III—PASSED  
the Board renew the contract with Janelle Gilbert dba: Office Productions in the amount of the 1995 contract and initiate a study to look into the whole issue of the functions performed and the costs thereof. An amendment to this motion to change "in the amount of the 1995 contract" to read "in the amount for 1996 as presented".
- #311 Clay Spencer—PASSED  
the procedure for linking ABANA's site on the Internet with another entity be approved as an interim determination and the committee have the freedom to update it as needed.
- #312 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
the Publications Committee should immediately conduct a search for a new editor and invite the selected applicants for an interview during the '96 ABANA Conference at Alfred, NY.
- #313 Tim Ryan—WITHDRAWN  
copies of the publication contracts be made available prior to making a decision on the contracts to produce *The Anvil's Ring* magazine.
- #314 Tim Ryan—PASSED  
all contracts to be considered at the annual budget meeting be mailed out a month in advance in order to be reviewed before voting. An amendment to this motion changed the wording to state "all existing contracts."
- #315 Hans Peot—WITHDRAWN  
no member of the ABANA Board nor spouse be under contract.

- #316 Jay Kidwell—PASSED  
accept the proposed budget as amended for 1996.
- #317 Hans Peot—DIED  
the Secretary be able to render judgement based on the number of votes from the Board mailing ballots in hand as soon as the deadline is up. Amended to read "and a notice on the ballot states that non-received ballots be counted as abstentions.

**1996 ALFRED, NEW YORK**

- #318 Hans Peot—DIED  
ABANA should continue its current policy for providing minutes of ABANA Board meetings upon request and that such requests will only be honored when made by ABANA members and that publishing minutes on the Internet would not be appropriate.
- #319 John Pollins III—PASSED  
place the minutes on the Internet 30 days following approval by the ABANA Board.
- #320 Toby Hickman—PASSED  
Jim Wallace be allowed to select one piece from one of the demonstrators before they are given to the auction and that he be given \$400 to start the bidding for the piece to go to the Metal Museum and that 10% of the final bid be given to the New York State Designer Blacksmiths chapter, thus ABANA will give the Metals Museum a check for \$400 less 10%.
- #321 Hans Peot—PASSED  
allow the conference committee to support the regional conference from the conference seed money account.
- #322 George Dixon—PASSED  
allow the Internet Committee to establish two categories of Internet links: 1) ABANA and related not-for-profit groups, and 2) commercial sites of interest to blacksmiths.

**1996 TIPP CITY, OHIO**

- #323 John Pollins III—PASSED  
approval of the Saltfork Craftsmen as a chartered chapter of ABANA...
- #324 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
transfer \$1,000 from the General Fund (letter dated 12/28/92) to the National Endowment Trust for Artistic Blacksmithing.
- #325 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to use ½ of the conference proceeds in each of the two years following the conference, beginning by budgeting the 1996 conference proceeds for 1997 and 1998.
- #326 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to authorize the (new) President and Treasurer as signatories on all ABANA accounts.
- #327 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to give the Treasurer, with the consent of the President and Finance Committee Chair, permission to select a different accounting firm for the year beginning January 1, 1997, but retain Holyfield Associates to complete accounting reports and government returns for the year ending December 31, 1996.
- #328 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to require a majority vote (a quorum) of the Board of Directors, or of the Executive Committee acting as provided in the ABANA bylaws, and the official corporation seal by the Secretary on a written resolution to open a bank account or similar account holding ABANA money.
- #329 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to prohibit signatories on ABANA accounts from signing checks or transferring money to anyone who would be considered to be part of his or her family as a member under the ABANA by-laws or to a business owned by himself, herself, or such a family member.

- #330 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to prohibit signatories on ABANA accounts from holding or using an ABANA credit card.
- #331 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to require a majority vote (a quorum) of the full Board of Directors to borrow money.
- #332 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to authorize, with the approval of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, an ABANA credit card account for the Executive Secretary with a credit limit up to \$1,000.
- #333 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to require the President to sign for ABANA on all contracts, purchase orders, or other agreements reasonably expected to exceed \$5,000 in one year. This does not include agreements that the Board has authorized a conference group to negotiate.
- #334 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to require the Secretary to maintain a file of all ABANA contracts or other agreements.
- #335 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to require requests for ABANA money other than scholarships, from individuals or organizations, to be presented to the President for a recommendation to the Board, identifying the name and address of the requester and the purpose of the request in sufficient detail to make a decision.
- #336 Tim Ryan—PASSED  
to authorize the Trust Fund Committee to write a letter signed by the ABANA President containing as a minimum the following: 1) Purpose of the Endowment; 2) Request for Contributions; and 3) Recognition of contributing chapters with special recognition for the largest contributor at the ABANA national conference.
- #337 Toby Hickman—PASSED  
that any amount of contribution by members above the regular membership rate be put into the National Endowment Trust Fund for Artistic Blacksmithing during the next three years.
- #338 Toby Hickman—WITHDRAWN  
to transfer half of unspent budget money from each passing year to the National Endowment Trust Fund.
- #339 Tim Ryan—FAILED  
to take \$5,000 of reserves and put it in the National Endowment Trust Fund and consider continuing this for each year thereafter.
- #340 George Dixon—PASSED  
the Board formally endorse the documentation project on the ironwork of Mazzucotelli and Rizzarda, headed by Stephen Bondi and recommend that the Scholarship Committee make a \$3,000 scholarship commitment for the project.
- #341 Hans Peot—PASSED  
a committee recommendation that a sentence at the end of the first line under “The Committee” in the Bealer Award Guidelines [Procedures Manual] be added to read “which will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of appointment to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The member may or may not be an ABANA Board member.”
- #342 Joe Harris—PASSED  
that “The Best of *The Anvil’s Ring*” project be funded with \$3,600 from reserves money and the amount be replenished from the first printing sales.
- #343 Hans Peot—PASSED  
the Board directs its president to notify each chapter in whatever political jurisdiction that ABANA now requires each chapter acquire and maintain corporate status or its equivalent. Existing Chapters will have until December 31, 1998 to acquire incorporation. New Chapters will have a two year probation period to achieve incorporation. The Services Division will provide all possible assistance in advising Chapters about this process. All chapters are to provide a copy of their incorporation documents to the ABANA Office.

#344 Andy Quittner—PASSED  
as of January 1, 1998 the dues for a Regular Membership shall be \$45 and an increase of \$10 per membership category shall be applied across the Board.

#345 Elizabeth Brim—PASSED  
reinstate the Student membership (first year) dues to \$35 per year.

**1997 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

#346 Jim Patton—PASSED  
the full Board officially accept the policy on anvil shooting for ABANA that the Executive Board approved in July 1997.

#347 Tom Clark—PASSED  
alcohol be available at the University of North Carolina accepting all of the University conditions with the On-site Conference Committee reserving the option to exclude alcohol.

#348 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
eliminate the existing \$15,000 fund for conference seed money and negotiate seed money with each conference hot committee in the future.

#349 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
the Board approve the hiring of a new accounting firm for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1998.

#350 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
the Board authorize the change of signatures on the bank accounts with the president's and treasurer's names.

#351 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
that it be prohibited for anyone to write a check for cash or hold an ATM card or otherwise transfer money out of an ABANA account without designating a specific payee or account number.

#352 Tim Ryan—PASSED  
the Board approve and support the "Hammerin' on the Hooch" conference and that disbursement of the proceeds from the event be split allowing 60% to the hosting group and 40% to ABANA with the stipulation that ABANA's portion go to the National Ornamental Metal Museum earmarked to benefit the preservation of the work of Otto Schmirler.

#353 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to approve an advance of up to \$2,500 seed money as needed for the "Hammerin' on the Hooch" event in March 1998.

#354 Jim Patton—PASSED  
to accept the proposal from the Arizona Artist Blacksmith Association asking to host the ABANA Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona for the year 2000.

#355 Will Hightower—PASSED  
approve and lend support to the Foust Project led by Lou Mueller.

#356 Will Hightower—PASSED  
approve seed money up to \$5,000 for the Foust Project led by Lou Mueller.

#357 Tim Ryan—PASSED  
the Board approve Janelle Gilbert's proposal for the management of the ABANA Internet site contingent upon the Internet Committee's recommendation to be made by January 1, 1998.

#358 Will Hightower—TABLED  
properly recognize Clay Spencer with a document acknowledging his services to ABANA which will be announced to the membership and be awarded a Lifetime Membership in ABANA.

#359 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
accept the proposed ABANA budget as approved for 1998.

- #360 Tim Ryan—PASSED  
ABANA provide \$7,500 seed money for the “Hammerin’ on the Hooch” event, changing the amount approved in the above motion [#353].
- #361 Pete Brandenburg—PASSED  
to roll over the \$1,300 budgeted for the Exhibition Committee in 1997 to the un-restricted exhibit fund.
- #362 Tom Clark—PASSED  
to decline the proposed offer submitted by John W. Pollins III to be retained as the attorney for the Board.
- #363 Tom Clark—PASSED  
nominate Clay Spencer to receive the 1997 Bealer Award to be presented at the Bill Manly’s Christmas party in December 1997.
- #364 Scott Lankton—PASSED  
accept the Dakota Artist-Blacksmiths Association as an official ABANA chapter.
- #365 Tom Clark—PASSED  
bring back the tabled motion above [#358] to properly recognize Clay Spencer with a document acknowledging his services to ABANA which will be announced to the membership and be awarded a Lifetime Membership in ABANA.
- #366 Tom Clark—PASSED  
accept the Internet Committee’s recommendation and proceed to contract Janelle Gilbert for the charge and maintenance of ABANA’s Internet site beginning January 1, 1998.
- #367 Bob Bergman—PASSED  
the operational procedures currently being used for the treasurer remain unchanged at this time.
- #368 Tom Clark—PASSED  
give \$500 to the National Ornamental Metal Museum as an unrestricted donation in gratitude for the use of their facility for the 1997 ABANA Board meeting.
- #369 Tom Clark—WITHDRAWN  
to defer \$2,000 in reserve money, if available, at the end of 1997 to the Membership Services Division for the purpose of upgrading the teaching program. [Withdrawn due to the unprecedented move since the uncertainty of how the end of the year will turn out would not warrant this type of resolution.]

### 1998 ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

- #370 David Court—PASSED  
Lou investigate further and request a quote on liability coverage for ABANA Board Members.
- #371 Dorothy Stiegler—PASSED  
a committee be formed as appointed by President Harris as an ad hoc committee [re: grievances].
- #372 Jim Patton—PASSED  
a dedicated scholarship be established to fund study/research in non-traditional areas of artistic blacksmithing. The scholarship be administered by an off-Board committee of three members, appointed by the President of ABANA who forward their recommendation to the Scholarship Committee of ABANA for approval. Initial funding for this scholarship program will come from the sale of catalogues by Tom Joyce, “*Life Force at the Anvil, The Blacksmith’s Art in Africa*”. Continued funding will be by contributions and solicitation organized by this special scholarship committee to be named and that this committee be reviewed by the ABANA Board every five years to ascertain whether sufficient funds or activity exist to merit continuation of the scholarship. The net proceeds of the catalogue sales from the Conference will be forwarded from UNCA to the ABANA Treasurer to initiate this scholarship fund. The net proceeds will be that left over after approximately \$890 worth of tracking light and one of every book on blacksmithing that Norm Larson Books carries are purchased for the UNCA library. Motion rescinded by Board Motion #423-Stiegler, November 2001.

- #373 Tom Clark—PASSED  
the Board authorize George Dixon as '98 Conference Director to formally donate the "Colonial Forge" and its related equipment to the UNCA art department. This will result in a letter from the University of NC Asheville to ABANA acknowledging the contribution, valued at \$35,000 in a manner that is standard to professionally run 501(c)3 non-profit corporations for use in grant applications.
- #374 Will Hightower—PASSED  
give George Dixon a \$5,000 grant to be used for cataloguing tools as a gift for running the 1998 conference which would be awarded at the membership meeting.
- #375 Tom Clark—TABLED  
(tabled until the November meeting) ABANA purchase an undetermined number of belt buckles from Daryl Meier to market as a sales item.
- #376 Will Hightower—FAILED  
no employee or contractor of ABANA may, on a permanent basis, fill more than one defined job or contract position at a time. Further, no employee or contractor while in such position may serve on the ABANA Board of Directors. These restrictions shall continue for a period of 60 days after the termination of employment or contractual arrangement.

**1999 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

- #377 Clare Yellin-PASSED  
that all correspondence received by any ABANA Board member(s) addressed to the ABANA Board will immediately be forwarded to the ABANA Secretary. The Secretary will immediately forward the correspondence to all ABANA Board members.
- #378 Will Hightower-PASSED  
that the term of the Treasurer run from January 1-December 31.
- #379 Bill Fiorini-PASSED  
that the Board accepts the e-mail of Sunday October 17, 1999 from George Dixon as the final resolve to George Dixon's complaints against ABANA and it's Board. A response to George Dixon will be written by Bill Fiorini.
- #380 Bill Fiorini-PASSED  
to amend the new business agenda to include standing committees and other committees that are not listed
- #381 Will Hightower-PASSED  
to accept the contract proposed by LeeAnn Mitchell for the amount of \$52,500.00 for the year 2000. This contract amount includes the Internet service contract.
- #382 Will Hightower-PASSED  
to set aside a special allocation of \$8,000.00 to develop a new web site for ABANA, as proposed by the Tom's "Best" job bid.
- #383 Pete Brandenburg-PASSED  
to add Will Hightower as a signatory to all ABANA bank accounts.
- #384 Pete Brandenburg-PASSED  
to set up an account in a convenient location for the 2000 Conference and naming the ABANA Treasurer and ABANA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as signatories
- #385 Andy Quittner-PASSED  
to increase the bond on all signatories and the Executive Secretary to \$100,000.
- #386 Will Hightower-PASSED  
to establish a bond on all conference related officials who will be handling conference monies over \$1,000.00 and charge the bond cost to the conference.
- #387 Jack Andrews-PASSED  
to accept the budget as presented

- #388 Will Hightower-PASSED  
the ABANA Board host the 2002 conference
- #389 Will Hightower-PASSED  
that a committee be formed to develop the 2002 Conference at LaCrosse, Wisconsin
- #390 Jack Andrews-FAILED  
that Will Hightower's suggestion for Joe Harris to do a complete review of the by-laws without discussion at the meeting take place.
- #391 Clare Yellin-PASSED  
that ABANA carry forward the \$2,000 that was not spent in the 1999 Exhibition Committee budget allocation to the unrestricted exhibition committee budget for the year 2000 so that budget will equal \$4,000
- #392 Scott Lankton-PASSED  
that the Membership Committee along with the Secretary and the Executive Secretary use the inactive inventory to be sent to chapters for fundraisers.
- #393 Bob Bergman-PASSED  
to give the National Ornamental Metal Museum \$500 for use of the facilities for the Annual Board Meeting.
- #394 Dorothy Stiegler-PASSED  
that ABANA extend a one-year complimentary membership to Chris Winterstein for his generous hospitality to the Board during the meeting.

#### 2000 FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

- #395 Bob Bergman-Amended  
that the line item Sales Working Cash Fund be removed as a Liability item and the change be reflected in the Inventory for Resale in Assets.
- #396 Joe Harris-PASSED  
amend Motion #395 and that a physical inventory of the ABANA sales items be conducted as soon as possible, and that the actual value determined by the inventory be used as the figure for sales inventory that appears in the asset part of the ABANA financial statement.
- #397 Tim Ryan-FAILED  
to start the process of an audit of ABANA as soon as possible
- #398 Andy Quittner-PASSED  
that at the end of every national ABANA conference that a Board member be present to inventory and determine a value the equipment.
- #399 Will Hightower-PASSED  
that this year the CD of the work in the gallery not be available for resale but may be posted on the website, as permission of artists was not obtained.
- #400 Scott Lankton-PASSED  
that the Survey Committee proceed with developing a survey and presenting it to the Board.
- #401 Will Hightower-PASSED  
that in the future, the ABANA Board should consider all possible combinations of bids for the publication in question that will best financially benefit ABANA.
- #402 Will Hightower-PASSED  
to accept Rob Edward's bid to edit and publish *The Anvil's Ring* and to publish *Hammer's Blow* for the fiscal year 2001 with a limit of advertising in *The Anvil's Ring* at 30 %.
- #403 Joe Harris-PASSED  
to accept Brian Gilbert's bid to edit *Hammer's Blow* for the fiscal year 2001.

- #404 Will Hightower-PASSED  
to accept the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, as the site for the 2002 ABANA Conference, June 5-9, 2002
- #405 Andy Quittner-PASSED  
that LeeAnn's contract be amended to allow LeeAnn to answer the phone four business days a week in order to free her up to pursue grant writing. The day is to be determined and published for membership information in the publications and the website.
- #406 Scott Lankton-PASSED  
that ABANA contract with a fulfillment service for ABANA sales provided that it is in ABANA's best financial interest
- #407 Doug Learn-PASSED  
made a motion that the Annual Board of Directors meeting in Memphis, Tennessee be set for October 26, 27, 28, 2000

#### 2000 LACROSSE, WISCONSIN

- #408 Doug Learn-PASSED  
made a motion that the minutes of the July 2000 meeting be passed as amended and not be read in their entirety.
- #409 Scott Lankton-PASSED  
made a motion that ABANA establish an ABANA bank account for the 2002 Conference.
- #410 Lou Mueller-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
made a motion that the Board accept the contract submitted by Brian Gilbert with the changes discussed.
- #411 Scott Lankton- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
made a motion that the Board accept the contract for *The Anvil's Ring* submitted by Rob Edwards and Sebastian Publications.
- #412 Will Hightower- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
made a motion to accept the contract as amended for the Central Office in the amount of \$52,723.56.
- #413 Dorothy Stiegler- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
made a motion that the 2001 ABANA budget be accepted as proposed.
- #414 Will Hightower-PASSED  
made a motion that the Board accept the language put forward in an e-mail sent to the Board by Bill Firoini dated October 6, 2000 concerning the copyright policy. The policy as stated is that any article published in *The Anvil's Ring* or *Hammer's Blow* may be reprinted in ABANA chapter newsletters.
- #415 Dorothy Stiegler- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
made a motion to grant Jim McCarty a complimentary one-year membership in ABANA.
- #416 Andy Quittner-PASSED  
made a motion that the ABANA Board of Directors accept the following resolution as amended:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ARTIST-BLACKSMITH'S ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. encourages and allows all persons, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or religious practice to participate in the art of blacksmithing and to fully enjoy the rights and benefits of the Organization.  
  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE ARTIST-BLACKSMITH'S ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. and it's Chapters shall not discriminate against any person or organization on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age or religious practice.

- #417 Pete Brandenburg- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
made a motion that the Board conduct a general revision of the ABANA Procedures Manual for 2001.
- #418 Will Hightower-PASSED  
made a motion to retract his motion of 9/17/00. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler.
- #419 Will Hightower-PASSED  
made a motion that the President of ABANA in the form of his choosing, make it known to the membership of ABANA the Board's condemnation of the practice of anvil shoots.

#### 2001 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

- #420 Jerry Kagele made a motion to change Article VI, Section V to read as follows: No proxy votes shall be allowed. Seconded by Will Hightower. PASSED.
- #421 Bob Jacoby made a motion to strike Article VII, Section 6 of the by-laws. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. Scott Lankton wanted to allow Jerry Kagele time to review the Georgia law. Scott Lankton moved to table the motion. Bob Fredell wanted to strike Article VII, Section 6 regardless of Georgia law. Bob Jacoby and Jerry Kagele both felt that Article VII, Section 8 were related and probably illegal. Jerry Kagele and Doug Learn both wanted a review of the Georgia non-profit code. Bob Jacoby wished to withdraw his motion. MOTION WITHDRAWN.
- #422 Scott Lankton made a Motion that the Board accept the proposed figure of \$283,987.00 for the 2002 ABANA budget. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #423 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion that the following motions be rescinded. Bob Jacoby seconded the motion. PASSED.

#### *Motions from Board Mailings*

03/10/88 Joe Pehoski

*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".

02/25/92 Hans Peot

Acquire a credit card to be used by the President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary.

#### *Motions from Board Meetings*

#57 David Court

The price of back issues of *The Anvil's Ring* be no less than \$8.00 per issue to members and \$10.00 for non-members.

#207 Mike Bondi

Board meetings be increased to twice a year (Spring/Fall) and be effective immediately to include this meeting as the first for 1990 with a review for any financial burden from the reimbursement of travel expenses not to exceed the lowest Supersaver rate for airline tickets at the time of the meeting.

#291 Andy Quittner

*The Anvil's Ring* no longer be mailed in a plastic bag.

#372 Jim Patton

A dedicated scholarship be established to fund study/research in non-traditional areas of artistic blacksmithing. The scholarship be administered by an off-Board committee of three members, appointed by the President of ABANA who forward their recommendation to the Scholarship Committee of ABANA for approval. Initial funding for this scholarship program will come from the sale of catalogues by Tom Joyce, *"Life Force at the Anvil, The Blacksmith's Art in Africa"*. Continued funding will be by contributions and solicitation organized by this special scholarship committee to be named and that this committee be reviewed by the ABANA Board every five years to ascertain whether sufficient funds or activity exist to merit continuation of the scholarship. The net proceeds of the catalogue sales from the Conference will be forwarded from UNCA to the ABANA Treasurer to initiate this scholarship fund. The net proceeds will be that left over after approximately \$890 worth of tracking light and one of every book on blacksmithing that Norm Larson Books carries are purchased for the UNCA library.

#424 Will Hightower made a motion to move the Non-Traditional Blacksmithing funds to the ABANA Scholarship fund, in the restricted account. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.

#425 Murray Lowe made a motion to accept the new wording for Article III-A of the ABANA By-Laws. Kirsten Skiles seconded the motion. PASSED.

#### ARTICLE III-A

##### Affiliates

Section 1 – ABANA will serve as a forum for other organizations whose primary purpose is to promote blacksmithing. ABANA shall have no formal chapters or any such relationship with any organization which creates any legal liabilities for ABANA unless specifically expressed in writing. The charter provisions previously contained in these By-laws are hereby revoked. The designation of ABANA with blacksmith organizations and former chapters shall be as affiliates. Such affiliates shall be deemed by ABANA to be legal entities separate from and independent of ABANA. No activities of such affiliates, or their individual members, shall in any way be construed as creating any legal liability for ABANA or its officers or directors. ABANA shall continue to maintain liaison, programs, and communication with such affiliates in furtherance of the ABANA mission.

Section 2 – All former chapters of ABANA shall have the right to declare themselves as affiliates of or affiliated with ABANA. Such affiliates shall have the right to promote or participate in ABANA programs.

Section 3 – ABANA shall maintain a list of those affiliates which it recognizes as official affiliates of ABANA. All former chapters of ABANA shall be automatically deemed to be affiliates of ABANA without the need for further vote. Any other organization seeking affiliation status with ABANA shall require approval by a majority vote of the ABANA Board.

Section 4 – Nothing contained in these provisions shall be deemed to affect individual memberships in ABANA.

#426 Scott Lankton made a motion to donate between \$1,000 and \$3,000, contingent upon the remaining 2001 budget, to the NOMM Library. Seconded by Murray Lowe. PASSED.

#427 Will Hightower moved that ABANA donate \$500.00 to the host affiliate, North West Blacksmith Association. Dave Mudge seconded the motion. PASSED.

## 2002 LACROSSE, WISCONSIN

- #428 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.
- #429 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.
- #430 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.
- #431 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.
- #432 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

## 2002 RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

- #433 Will Hightower made a motion that Dorothy Stiegler be authorized to negotiate in writing, but not forgive, the issue of debt with BullHammer Technology in writing. Jerry Kagele seconded the motion. PASSED
- #434 Bob Jacoby made a motion to authorize Dorothy Stiegler to negotiate the debt in one of the following ways; either half-payment of past due advertisement or BullHammer provide a new power hammer to ABANA free of charge. If these options are not possible they cannot participate in future advertisement or conferences. Seconded by Chris Winterstein. TABLED
- #435 Will Hightower made a motion to table Motion #3 made by Bob Jacoby. Seconded by Don Kemper. PASSED
- #436 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion that the following Affiliates receive a contribution for their efforts to the production of the 2002 Conference; the Guild of Metalsmiths, Upper Mid West Blacksmiths Association and the Illinois Valley Blacksmith Association. Discussion followed. Seconded by Murray Lowe. The motion was amended by Clare Yellin that ABANA provide recognition to the members of the selected Affiliates that participated in the production of the 2002 Conference. PASSED. The original motion was also PASSED.
- #437 Murray Lowe made a motion to give the Johnson & Hayward Company a chance to ship *The Anvil's Ring*, Volume 31, #1 to Canada. If this fails to increase the speed of delivery, ABANA will ship *The Anvil's Ring*, Volume 31, #2, first class to Canada. If this does not increase the speed of delivery, then publications will mail the issues after that to Murray Lowe for him to ship to the Canadian members within Canada at ABANA's cost. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. PASSED
- #438 Chris Winterstein made a motion that Will Hightower accept comments from the Board due by December 14, 2002 for language to create a second draft for the creation of a Trust. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED
- #439 Will Hightower made a motion that the foreign membership rate be changed to \$65.00 (US Funds). Seconded by Chris Winterstein. PASSED
- #440 Will Hightower made a motion to accept the 2003 nomination put forth by the Bealer Committee. Seconded by Dan Nauman. PASSED

- #441 Bob Jacoby made a motion that the ballots be included with the magazine in the bags but not inserted inside the magazine. Seconded with Will Hightower. PASSED
- #442 Bob Jacoby made a motion that each special committee come up with a charter statement and a scope of activities to define their roles. Seconded Dorothy Stiegler. PASSED
- #443 Don Kemper made a motion to reserve the Alumni Coliseum Building and adjacent parking lot at Eastern Kentucky University for one week, the last week of June / first week of July 2004 to hold the 2004 ABANA Conference. Seconded by Dan Nauman. PASSED
- #444 Don Kemper made a motion to reserve Todd Hall and Dupree Hall the last week of June / first week of July 2004 to hold the 2004 ABANA Conference. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. PASSED
- #445 Don Kemper made a motion to reserve the Food Court in the Powell Building and that the Snack Bar in Alumni Coliseum be made available the last week of June / first week of July 2004 to hold the 2004 ABANA Conference. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. PASSED
- #446 Will Hightower made a motion that the Board adopt Dan's Nauman's idea for the theme / identity of "Design & Build" for the 2004 Conference. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. TABLED
- #447 Don Kemper moved that Motion #15 be tabled. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. PASSED
- #448 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion that ABANA recognize the Houston Area Blacksmiths Association (HABA) as an Affiliate. Seconded by Don Kemper. PASSED
- #449 Will Hightower made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dan Nauman. PASSED
- #450 Don Kemper made a motion to accept the bid submitted by LeeAnn Mitchell Arts, Inc. for services to run the ABANA Central Office for fiscal year 2003. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. PASSED
- #451 Murray Lowe made a motion to accept a budget of \$ 288,209.82 for fiscal year 2003. Seconded by Dan Nauman. PASSED
- #452 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion that ABANA procure a '1-800 number' to streamline the organization. Seconded by Don Kemper. PASSED
- #453 Murray Lowe made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dave Mudge seconded the motion. PASSED

### 2003 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

- #454 Dorothy Stiegler moved that ABANA proceed with Rob Edwards' proposal to add an advertiser's section to the ABANA website for one year. The proposal would be a 50 /50 split in terms of income, with ABANA retaining ownership. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #455 Dorothy Stiegler moved to renew the *Hammer's Blow* contract with Brian Gilbert for a term of three years, subject to an annual evaluation by the Publications Committee with the goal of restructuring the format. Maegan Crowley seconded the motion. PASSED
- #456 Murray Lowe moved to accept the Maritime Blacksmiths Association as an ABANA Affiliate. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED
- #457 Dorothy Stiegler moved that ABANA agree to support the online list serve 'the forge' at the rate of \$100 a year. Clare Yellin seconded the motion. PASSED
- #458 Scott Lankton moved that Will Hightower with the assistance of Murray Lowe and Clare Yellin reorganize the library and sales committee and report back to the Board at the 2004 meeting at Richmond, Kentucky. Seconded by Tim Ryan. PASSED
- #459 Chris Winterstein moved to accept the working budget presented by Dave Koenig. Bob Jacoby seconded the motion. PASSED
- #460 Will Hightower moved to accept the proposed conference pricing as presented by Dave Koenig. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. PASSED
- #461 Bob Jacoby moved to leave the conference budget line item for photography at \$5,000. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED

- #462 Will Hightower moved to donate \$1,000.00 to the Metal Museum Library Capital Campaign for their hospitality towards ABANA during the board meeting. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. PASSED
- #463 Will Hightower moved to accept the budget of \$ 314,110.00 as presented. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. Chris Winterstein moved to amend the motion to reduce the budget by \$7,000. Maegan Crowley seconded the amendment. Amendment failed. A vote was taken on the original motion. PASSED
- #464 Scott Lankton moved to hold the 2006 ABANA Conference in Seattle, Washington. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED
- #465 Jerry Kagele moved that ABANA pledge \$500 to the Villa Terrace Museum towards the fund drive for the preservations of the archives. Seconded by Dan Nauman. MOTION FAILED

#### **2004 RICHMOND, KENTUCKY**

- #466 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.

#### **2004 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

- #467 Will Hightower made a motion to correct a typographical error in a former motion involving proxies at Board meetings. Jerry Kagele moved to table the motion. Erik Lander seconded the motion to table. PASSED.
- #468 Jerry Kagele moved to correct the former motion on eliminating proxies at members' meetings to also apply to board meetings. The motion #420 from the 2001 Seattle Board Meeting reads as follows:
  - Jerry Kagele made a motion to change Article VI, Section V to read as follows: No proxy votes shall be allowed. Seconded by Will Hightower. PASSED.
  - Seconded by Will Hightower. PASSED.
- #469 Will Hightower made a motion to go into Executive Session. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED
- #470 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to accept the financial bid and contracts submitted by LeeAnn Mitchell Arts, Inc. Chris Winterstein seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #471 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to fund the application from the Saskatchewan Chapter of the Western Canadian Blacksmithing Guild. Chris Winterstein seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #472 Maegan Crowley made a motion to accept Jack Andrews offer of transferring the copyright for the Julius Schramm book to ABANA and to produce an e-book to be sold through BookMasters, Inc. Murray Lowe seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #473 Will Hightower made a motion to move into executive session. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #474 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Bealer Award Committee for the 2005 Bealer Award. Clare Yellin seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #475 Clare Yellin made a motion to move into executive session. Will Hightower seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #476 Bob Jacoby made a motion to accept the contract from Lambe, Tuter and Wagner, with a change that the contract be extended to cover two years, 2005 and 2006. Will Hightower seconded the motion. PASSED. Dissenting votes were Jerry Kagele and Clare Yellin.
- #477 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.

- #478 Will Hightower made a motion to go into executive session. Maegan Crowley seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #479 Bob Jacoby made a motion to accept Rob Edward's contract for the publication of *Hammer's Blow* and editorship and publication of *The Anvil's Ring* for fiscal year 2005. Seconded by Jerry Kagele. PASSED.
- #480 Will Hightower made a motion to award Paul Moffitt a lifetime membership in ABANA. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. PASSED. (note: this was a follow up vote to an email motion that had been made on October 26, 2004)
- #481 Will Hightower made a motion to award Dave Koenig a Brent Bailey engraved hammer for exemplary service to ABANA. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #482 Bob Jacoby made a motion that ABANA codify a board-member travel policy. Specifically, in keeping with best corporate practices intended to manage corporate liability, board members will be afforded private accommodations at regularly-scheduled ABANA board meetings and reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses. Further, board members will be personally responsible for accommodation expenses related to early arrival or late departure from ABANA Board meetings. Will Hightower seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #483 Will Hightower made a motion to hold the 2005 ABANA Board Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. Will Hightower amended the motion to hold the 2005 Board meeting in New York State. Dorothy seconded the motion. Bob Jacoby moved to table the motion. Erik Lander seconded the motion to table. PASSED. Dissenting votes were Will Hightower.
- #484 Bob Jacoby made a motion to require that the ABANA Board approve the annual budget prior to approval of the three major contracts, Central Office, Publications and Accounting. Will Hightower seconded the motion. PASSED
- #485 Will Hightower made a motion that on January 1, 2006 the ABANA dues will become \$55.00 annually. Members may purchase up to two years worth of membership prior to December 31, 2005. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED. Dissenting votes were Bob Jacoby.
- #486 Will Hightower made a motion to accept the proposed budget \$314,445.00 for fiscal year 2005 with a transfer from the 2004 Conference of \$32,345.00. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.

#### 2005 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

- #487 Scott Lankton made a motion to dissolve the Aachen Work Study Committee and explore other opportunities for a European work study exchange program. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #488 Bob Jacoby made a motion to dissolve the ABANA Bylaws Review committee. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #489 Scott Lankton made a motion that the ABANA Awards committee is redundant and should be eliminated. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #490 Maegan Crowley made a motion to change the Humble Award to a biennial award to be presented during conference years. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #491 Maegan Crowley made a motion that the board move into executive session. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #492 Scott Lankton made a motion that the board move into executive session. Jerry Kagele seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #493 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to offer a one year contract at the 2005 rate to Sebastian Publishing for their bid to publish *The Anvil's Ring* and *Hammer's Blow* for 2006. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. Motion to table was made by Jerry Kagele and seconded by Bob Jacoby.
- #494 Scott Lankton made a motion that the board move into executive session. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion.

- #495 Jerry Kagele made a motion that the ABANA Board make the following offer to Sebastian Publishing.
- That the terms of the 2005 contract be offered for a term of one year for 2006.  
That ABANA will pay \$3,600 for the conversion of eight pages in The Anvil's Ring for 2006.  
That ABANA will write letters of appreciation to The Anvil's Ring suppliers as designated by Sebastian Publishing.  
That the ABANA Board agrees to support the publication in supplying articles.  
This offer is valid until November 15, 2006.
- #496 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to accept the bid from LeeAnn Mitchell Arts, Inc. for \$56, 764.12. This bid does not include services to keep the Central Office open during the 2006 ABANA Conference. Dan Nauman seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #497 Jerry Kagele made a motion to change the title of Central Office Administrator to Executive Director. Chris Winterstein seconded the motion. Bob Jacoby moved to table the motion because of a titular change to the ABANA Bylaws. Jerry Kagele argued that this was not the case.
- #498 Bob Jacoby made a motion to table the motion until the contractual obligations can be reviewed. Erik Lander seconded the motion. Six votes for eight votes against. Motion to table FAILED.
- #499 Scott Lankton moved to amend Jerry Kagele's original motion and call LeeAnn Mitchell the Central Office Executive Director. Clare Yellin called for a revote on the original motion. The motion was PASSED with four dissents.
- #500 Scott Lankton made a motion to accept the current budget as presented by Clare Yellin. James Viste seconded the motion. Chris Winterstein moved to amend the motion to approve a conference allocation of \$32,234.00. Maegan Crowley seconded the amendment. The amendment PASSED and the motion PASSED.
- #501 Chris Winterstein made a motion to accept Rob Edward's proposal for the online ABANA Market Place. This offer will extend until November 15<sup>th</sup>. PASSED.
- #502 Bob Jacoby made a motion to form a committee to specifically address the idea of ABANA members' and advertisers' use of the ABANA logo and references to ABANA. PASSED.
- #503 Scott Lankton made a motion to accept the nomination of the Bealer Award Committee for the 2006 recipient. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #504 Elizabeth Brim made a motion to award Brent Kington a lifetime membership in ABANA. Erik Ryser seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #505 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to bring Will Hightower's Motion #4 from the 2004 ABANA Board meeting in Richmond, Kentucky back to the table. Clare Yellin seconded the motion. The original motion reads as follows:
- MOTION #4*
- Will Hightower 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. FAILED.*
- #506 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to have ABANA dues increase by the following amounts: Students & Libraries \$45, Seniors \$50, Regular \$55 and professional exposure list at \$45 annually. James Viste seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #507 Scott Lankton made a motion that a portion of future 'Iron-in-the-Hat' funds from conferences be used to produce promotional materials. Erik Lander seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #508 Murray Lowe made a motion to accept Ron Reil's generous donation of his website to ABANA. Dave Mudge seconded the motion. PASSED.
- #509 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to hold the 2008 ABANA Conference at the State University of New York, New Paltz. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. PASSED.

**2006 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

#510 Dorothy Stiegler made a motion to hold the 2006 ABANA Board of Directors meeting November 9-11, 2006 in New Paltz, New York. Eric Ryser seconded the motion. PASSED.

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