

ABANA
Board of Directors Meeting
Date 8/4/2021

1. Call to order: 8 PM ET President Leigh Morrell 8:01

1.1.1. Roll call: Laura Armstrong, John Dittmeier, Doug Eichert, Pete Engelbert, Janie Grela, Leigh Morrell, Tom Owens, Victor Plitt, Josh Reynolds, Chris Rowan, Stuart Shirley, Linda Tanner, Bob Valentine, John Williams

1.1.1.1. Absent: Scott Kretschmer

1.1.2. Others in attendance: Jack Brubaker, Frank Annighofer, John McLellan, Andy Quittner, Mark Kochan, Dan Richman

2. Secretary's report:

2.1.1. The minutes were sent previously for Board review. Tom Owens moves to accept, Pete Engelbert with a second. John Williams abstains, passed by the board.

3. Matters arising out of the minutes:

3.1. Scott K. is absent from meeting due to acquisition of the historic Turley forge equipment.

3.2. Touchmark Registry, Frank Annighofer to head up

3.3. New trailer has been purchased and registered through a firm in Maine.

4. Treasurer's report:

4.1. The treasurer's report was sent previously for the Board review. Victor Plitt moves to accept, second from Chris Rowan. Unanimous approval.

5. Executive Director's report:

6. President's report:

7. Committee reports:

7.1. **Awards:** Chair, Scott Kretschmer

7.2. **Affiliates:** Chair, Chris Rowan reports:

7.2.1. Affiliate application from Ron Nichols of Rutherford County Blacksmiths Association in TN to become an affiliate for the Appalachian affiliate group for middle Tennessee. Motion from Chris Rowan to receive and a second from Tom Owens. Motion carries unanimous.

7.3. **By-Laws & PPM:** Chair, Bob Valentine

7.4. **Competition:** Chair, John Williams

7.5. **Communications & Technology:** Chair, Laura Armstrong

7.5.1. John Dittmeier to assign outreach responsibilities to each board member.

7.6. Conference committee:

7.6.1. Texas motor speedway will not be the conference host due to renegotiation from a change in track leadership. Denton County fairgrounds has been identified as a replacement location for the speedway and contract has been shared with the executive board. The same dates are available for the fairground.

7.6.2. Iron to Art Conference, contracts have been signed for demonstrators. The Communications and Technology committee assembled an advertising plan.

7.7. Education Outreach: Co-Chairs, John Williams, Doug Eichert

7.8. Elections: Chair, John Williams

7.8.1. Jack Brubaker and John McLellan were on the call tonight to audit a board meeting prior to board action next month to appoint a replacement for the open Board position.

7.9. Exhibition: Chair, Laura Armstrong

7.9.1. #366Hooks exhibit will begin display in the US at the 2022 Conference in Texas. March-June 2023 is available for an exhibit spot prior to returning to Canada in July 2023.

7.10. **Finance:** Chair Bob Valentine

7.11. **Grants:** Chair, Scott Kretschmer

7.12. **History and Archives:** Chair, John Dittmeier

7.13. **Membership Services:** Chair, Linda Tanner

7.14. **Publications:** Chair, Victor Plitt

7.14.1. Iron to Art festival souvenir booklet is being assembled by Mark K. will be an ABANA item that can be sold throughout the year and not limited to only the Iron to Art festival.

7.14.2. Anvils Ring is on track for September publishing.

7.15. **Sales:** Chair, Victor Plitt, Co-Chair Linda Tanner

7.15.1. Johnstown has received all sales items from Jonesborough and the fulfilment is being handled at home office.

7.16. **Strategic Planning:** Co-Chairs, Linda Tanner, Tom Owens

8. Old business:

9. New business:

9.1. Ironware international is looking for firms in the United States to help produce product for their inventory.

9.2. A pen and ink drawing of a Cyril Colenik panel has been offered for sale to ABANA.
The board felt that it was not fiscally responsible to purchase the piece at this time.

10. Adjournment:

Bob makes a motion to adjourn. Second from Josh. Unanimous approval at 10:09pm eastern.