

Meeting Jan 26, 2017 SSIA Conference call 8pm EST

Free Conference number is [712-432-6100](tel:712-432-6100) and enter code [15151347#](tel:15151347#)

Attendance: Paul Angelos, John McLoughlin, Sandra VerBruggen, Jim McFarland, Phil Wadzinski, Pat McCabe, Laurie McPherson, Eddy G, Mitch Lebovic. **Notes:** Gina Berman

Quorum: Yes

Vote on adoption of old Minutes from Dec 8 2016

Phil Motioned to approve and Paul seconded all approved.

Presidents Report: Sandra-

Vice President: Paul- Mitch's email about those that didn't renew. He called Gene Burton who didn't and 10 others that didn't. Some are just late.

Treasurer Report (Money in the bank) John McLoughlin

\$75000 ended December checks for bags, and newsletters haven't been subtracted.

\$64000 will be about the balance end of January. Pat motioned to except the treasurer report Phil seconded and all approved.

Old Business:

Convention 2017-

Annual Meeting

* breakfast choices for Long Beach convention. Cost? 3 options
\$43 full breakfast x 150= \$6450 \$24 continental x 150= \$3600

Suggestion on having the party Saturday evening to include Silver Cup. By not doing full breakfast would free up money for the party and silver cup. Jim said that when we used to do the silver cup at the evening event it was always more fun.

John made the motion that we don't hold a breakfast buffet and Pat seconded it. All approved. Coffee and Danish.

Annual meeting

Pat motioned to have the annual meeting start at 10am. John seconded and all approved.

Seminars

Room cost of seminars Friday afternoon. Projectors \$600 per day. Room is included. 3-4 seminars would be \$150. John motioned to charge \$150 for the seminars and Paul seconded. All approved.

By law wording

Suppliers: wording on bylaws of convention

Can not work in the booth at the convention unless they are in good standing with paid membership.

John will send out in an email and everyone can read it and a vote by mail.

Convention 2018 Potential locations from email Paul sent.

Discussion on the suggested hotels: BWI Airport, Westin Baltimore Waterfront, Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor, Sheraton

Newsletter- was delivered

Bags- are ordered

Silver Cup Judging April 8 and 9th with 2 judges

(17 reg and 13 for world cup)

Silver cup and world cup 2017 deadline to register is January 31 2017.

Entrees are due March 20 2017

Cost: USA/Canada are \$25.00 International are \$ 65.00

for more info : www.ssia.info/silvercup/index.asp

Blase is concerned about getting his machinery on board. Paul and Mitch will visit in February.

New Business

Accept the resignation of Holly

Sandra motioned to accept the resignation of Holly Malfoze and Eddy seconded. All approved.

Shannon Embree has been nominated by Sandra to take Holly's position for the next year and a half.

Jim motioned to accept and Sandra seconded. All approved.

Supplier Membership

A Mexican leather supplier dropped out in 2013 and wants to join again. Everyone agreed he needed to re-apply with the usual fees. Mitch will contact.

Shoe Repair School- Sandra

Kent Knowles in Africa, wants to teach shoe repair wants the email addresses of the suppliers and support of the SSIA. Small discussion and decided other than a verbal support He can contact the suppliers on the website

Meeting adjourned an 9:10

Things to do before next Meeting:

1. Mitch visit Queen Mary for machines for Blasé and arrange breakfast and meeting.
2. Sandra- contact Shannon
3. Sandra and Mitch visit some locations for convention