

March 21, 2016 Meeting minutes SSIA Conference call

Free Conference number is 712-432-6100 and enter code 15151347#

Attendance: Paul Angelos, Holly Mahfoze, Sandra VerBruggen, Steve Sachs, Phil Wadzinski, Pat McCabe, Steve Dudaklian, Bob Berman, Bill Konomos

Notes: Gina Berman **Absent:** John McLoughlin

Quorum: Yes

Vote on adoption of old Minutes: Pat Motioned to adopt the February minutes with the two changes and Paul seconded. All approved with changes.

Presidents Report: We need to decide on space this week due to time.

Vice President: Sandra spoke in person to Rainer from Renia glue on Saturday and Sunday in Wiesbaden regarding his Renia ad.

He was not very happy in the beginning but he is willing to change the ad. He showed me a few other ads on his laptop. He said he would remove the can's and reword it or submit a other ad for the board to approve.

And also spoke to Amable from DM group (Spain) he is willing to apply for his own supplier membership.

also spoke to Frederica Tempetine from La Querce she is also willing to apply for her own supplier membership.

Both Amable and Frederica show at the convention under Bill Hetzer company and booked tables under hickory brands now. But this should be no issue if both apply for their own supplier membership.

Eric Horn from Tacco is interested in being a bigger sponsor for the conventions. Maybe more then what we are asking for Gold sponsorship \$1000.00
(We should put this on the agenda and talk about this on the next board call)

It looks like Jos America (shoe machinery company) will not be attending the show in Kansas City as they are undergoing some changes in their company.

Last but not least,

Our USA shoe repairers were very happy to receive their awards at the German shoe competition award ceremony.

We brought back 8 awards!

I have posted some pictures and video on the SSIA Facebook group page. If you all can go look and maybe go congratulated them too.

I am so proud of all of them.

We all had a great time in Wiesbaden. And we got some SSIA issue resolved I think".

Steve D and Rachel (Sandra's) are both winners from the boards shops.

Treasurer Report (Interim) Bob Berman Who will be doing in the future?(Bob has been termed out size July.) There is as of today \$58,692.71 unless there was something added by Mitch.

Old Business:

Convention 2016

Where are we on the timeline and where do we stand?

There are 21 Fri and Sat rooms left. The room blocks have 12 Friday and 21 Sat nights open. Mitch will bump up 20 rooms so that there will be enough and that we can still make our 80%.

Sandra and Steve D volunteered to be in charge of setting up the seminars. 8 spots open and 5 have said they want to have one. They will look for the other 3.

Jos America is not coming to Kansas. There are no machinery companies at this time registered for Kansas.

Sponsors- SoleTec doesn't appreciate SSIA bringing in someone so will not be giving their \$1000 sponsorship.

Projectors for the show for the seminars: Mitch said by having the hotels do it that they are responsible for everything and not us. In the past a seminar was held and no one could run or fix the projector.

Convention 2017 Picking a West Coast site 2 Venues Anaheim or Queen Mary

Marriott and Queen Mary are both very pricey but the Queen Mary is a little less per night and the Marriott is near Disneyland so there is a lot of traffic and parking is scarce.

Billy motions to have the Queen Mary and Pat seconded it. All approved with Sandra's hesitation that the machines won't have a problem. Paul will ask about the machinery being put on the ship.

Committees

Membership, conventions, finance

Newsletter

Shoemax pricing needs to be removed. Sandra will contact Don and Request a revision of pricing verbage.

Putting a 1/4 page spot in the next newsletter reminding people of the breast cancer awareness program and if we have room something small about shoe repair awareness week.

New Business:

John would like to be treasurer if reelected in July. Steve D position is open and will be running in July and Steve Sachs term is up so there is an opening.

Bags table until next meeting.

Things to do before next meeting:

1. Sandra and Steve look into seminars
2. Sandra contact Don at ShoeMax
3. Paul book Queen Mary and sign contract