

SSIA Conference Call Dec 3, 2013

Attendance: Don Rinadi, Bob Berman, Blasé knabl, Marcello Cornell, Sandra Verbruggen, Paul Angelos. Mitch Lebovic, Steve Sachs, Rick Meyer, Jim MacFarland Notes: Gina Berman

Old Business

Discussion of Conference Hotel-

Hyatt looks to have the best room availability and is the largest, but parking is costly but can be negotiated.

Mitch talked about a smaller hotel we would have the hotel to ourselves. Blasé likes the two Riverwalk hotels. Mitch will go down and check out the hotels Choices in early Feb to firm everything up. Steve Sachs will go with him. Blasé motioned to select Jacksonville and Paul seconded. All were in favor. Paul wants to make sure that whatever hotel we pick has a restaurant.

Philadelphia show Saturday night- The two local wholesalers Frankford Leather and Liebermans to provide a function Saturday evening (ie. Cocktail party)

Seminars-Mitch is setting up seminars. Jim McFarland suggests having a Silver Cup seminar. He offered to give it. Sandra and Jim and doing up at new grading system and Blasé is working on a new sheet.

Newsletter

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Welcome package for new members-

No one is working on it since Ira left....

Blasé suggested getting emails of as many members as possible and offer up specials for members only. Rick- to grow membership we need to come up with

a package for new members and be meaningful. The repairers will get together and think about what is important other than solely giveaways.

New Business

Mailing list-

Do we charge for it or not. Everyone thinks we should charge and be an SSIA member in good standing for 1-3 years. A discussion took place. Jim McFarland motioned that we have a 3 year limit on membership to be edible to get the list. Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Philadelphia show-cont

Sandra- CSI wants to be at the show in Philadelphia. Mitch said to have him fill out an application.

It was decided to set a deadline of 45 days prior to the show for new supplier members to be considered as a member for the show so that they can be researched and validated.

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Meeting was adjourned at 5:45