

## Minutes of April 10, 2019 SSIA Board Meeting

*Free Conference number is 712-432-6301 and enter code 196436#*

**Attendance: Jim McFarland, Phil Wadzinski, Pat McCabe, Laurie MacPherson, Shannon Embry, John McLoughlin, Eddie Gitlin, Todd Roberts, Jesse Pasternak and Mitch Lebovic**

**Quorum: Yes**

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Jim at 8:01 PM.
- 2) A motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2019 was approved unanimously.
- 3) **President's report-**
  - a) Jim sent an e-mail to Board members about the Chicago School of Shoemaking. We'll discuss at next meeting.
  - b) Jim reported that Paul Hyde's wife passed away.
- 4) **Vice-President's Report-** Nothing to report at this time.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report-** John reported that we have roughly \$100,700 in our account. His detailed e-mail report was accepted unanimously.
- 6) **Old Business-**
  - a) Mitch reported that 56% of our room block is filled for Orlando Convention. Jim reported that seminars are filled and Mitch said information on seminars is posted on our website.
  - b) 2020 Chicago Convention Site visits will take place in early to mid-May. Mitch, Phil and Shannon will check out several hotel venues.
  - c) Winter newsletter was mailed in late March and Mitch is now working on spring newsletter.
  - d) Jim reported that Kirby and his crew will be filming SSIA videos on April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) **New Business-**
  - a) Mitch will give the Membership Committee a list of members that have not renewed for 2019 by April 12<sup>th</sup>. Pat will then schedule a call with Todd and Jesse to follow up on contacting these members by phone.
  - b) Silver Cup/World Cup Contest judging is set for April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 8) **Open Discussion –**
  - a) Jim presented a membership application from LM Professional (SRL) to join SSIA as a supplier member. Since references were provided on the application the Board unanimously approved their membership.
  - b) Mitch agreed to set up a YouTube account so we can show SSIA videos on the site.
  - c) John will check on the costs of paper vs. cloth bags as an alternative to the current plastic bags. John estimated we have enough SSIA bags to last us through the end of 2019.
- 9) The next Board Call was set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.