

Minutes of July 22, 2018 SSIA Board Meeting

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

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

Absent: Eddie Gitlin and Laurie McPherson

Quorum: Yes

- 1) John began the meeting at 9:05 by asking for nominations for the 4 Board Officers.
 - a) Jim McFarland was nominated for President by Jesse and seconded by Shannon. A motion to select Jim as Board President was approved unanimously.
 - b) Phil Pecard was nominated for Vice President by Pat and seconded by Jesse. A motion to select Phil as Board Vice President was approved unanimously.
 - c) John McLoughlin was renominated for Treasurer by Jim and seconded by Jesse. A motion to select John as Board Treasurer was approved unanimously.
 - d) Pat McCabe was renominated for Secretary by Phil and seconded by Shannon. A motion to select Pat as Board Secretary was approved unanimously.
- 2) The board briefly discussed how successful the show was through Saturday night. Among items noted were a good turnout of shops, exhibitors were busy, the two walk through with potential members went smoothly, and the evening party needs to start earlier and end earlier.
- 3) Jim reported on the Shoe Repairers meeting late Saturday. They discussed having a convention in Canada and ways to train new shoe repairers through schools or government funded training programs.
- 4) Pat reported on the Wholesalers meeting late Saturday. They discussed ways of finding/training more shoe repairers and helping shops navigate the buying and selling of existing stores.
- 5) Phil reported on the Suppliers meeting late Saturday. Unlike the 80% sentiment against annual conventions last year, the sentiment was 50/50 on the subject of meeting yearly.
- 6) All three groups talked about the need to book rooms through the host hotel so we can keep convention costs to a minimum.
- 7) Mitch will get a confidentiality agreement to Todd so he may sign it as a new Board Member.
- 8) Our next meeting will be August 22nd.
- 9) Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.