

**UPAA General Business Meeting
Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL - June 20, 2013**

Call to Order Motion made by Jeff Sabo (U of Miami- Ohio), Scott Galvin(freelance) seconded, voted by membership with no opposition. President Glenn Carpenter calls the meeting open at 1:32 pm

As Secretary Mark Carriveau is unable to take minutes during this meeting due to being tied up with symposium hosting duties, a motion to elect Nick Romanenko Secretary pro tem is made by Glenn, seconded by Lora Gordon (Radford University). Passes vote by membership.

Acceptance of Minutes from the 2012 General Business Meeting - (Nick Romanenko) Minutes have been posted and made available on line for at least 10 months. A motion to accept the minutes is made by Scott Galvin, seconded by Jim Stroup (Virginia Tech). Passes by membership vote.

Treasurer's Report – (Nick Romanenko) Nick presents a 12 month summary for 2012. Points out major expenses for legal of over \$ 7K (we are now a 501 (c) 6 professional tax exempt corporation) and upgrades to UPAA web site (MIC running very glitch free now). The organization also needed to dip into our Speaker Fund to bring in Annie Griffiths from National Geographic that was a \$ 7K expense by itself. Lora Gordon (Radford University) and Jim Dusen (retired SUNY- Brockport, UPAA President emeritus) looked over bank statements, our “Big A” checkbook, Paypal statements and summaries and didn't find anything out of order. Glenn lays out an plan to keep track of an operational budget, capital budget (computer hardware), and a separate symposium budget in the future. Our new tax exempt status can save UPAA sales taxes on states we go to in the future.

Motion to accept proposed 2014 budget by Bruce Fox (Buffalo State College), seconded by Collette Fournier (SUNY-Rockland), passed by the membership.

Membership Dues - (Robert Jordan) Robert goes over what membership dues pay for. Robert points out the caliber of speakers were bringing in for symposiums is going up, and this has associated expenses. About ten years ago UPAA dues went from \$ 25 to \$ 50, and the board looked at possibly raising dues again due to a slight dip in our financials last year. We're holding the line for now, but wants to throw the possibility of raising dues \$ 5 or bumping up another \$ 25 per year out to the membership. David Campbell (Alabama State University) thinks we are very reasonable and says he thinks a lot of folks would gladly pay \$ 100 per year for what they get. Mark Philbrick (BYU) says why wait? A show of hands shows overwhelming support for raising Full member dues right now to \$ 75 annually.

Motion to raise Full dues to \$ 75 made by Mark Philbrick (Glenn amends that Associate and Student dues remain at current rates of \$ 35 and \$25 respectively), second by Ken Colwell (Ohio Northern University), motion passed by show of unanimous hands.

Monthly Image Competition – (Jay Ferchaud) Jay reports that every month we get over 300 images entered into the MIC. There have been a few glitches of the system, but overall this year it has been working well. We've had feedback on making images larger for viewing. Jay is working on a year-end point total for everyone. Jay says he is a little behind in mailing award certificates. Starting with the new MIC, we will be sending winners pdf versions right away that they can print out on their own.

Photographer of the Year - (Glenn Carpenter) Glenn discusses the possibility of us blending results from the MIC and APC for picking one POY for next year. Glenn explains the process of how we pick the POY currently. Glenn opens the floor up to membership discussion. Ken Bennett (Wake Forest University) is concerned about someone missing a month or two of the MIC and putting them out of contention for POY. Glenn explains we're trying a few different formulas to see how, or if they would effect the winners. Dot Paul (University of Georgia) brings up the possibility of online voting because only attending members (to a symposium) get to vote in the APC and therefore decide the POY. Glenn points out that, on average, fewer members vote monthly in the MIC than attend, and vote at a typical symposium. Joe Labolito (Temple University) asks where do publications play in choosing the POY, receiving answer that publications do not currently, nor would they factor into the POY in any of the formulas the board is considering. Robert talks about the history of the APC as the "be all and end all of competitions" for decades, with us adding in other competitions (MIC, Publications, Multi-Media) as times have changed.

Annual Book – (Bill Bitzinger) Bill has a copy of the current book, which includes last year's symposium. Bill explains that you are automatically in the annual book if you place a print in the APC, etc. October 31st is the deadline for other entries, and he needs a headshot of each published photographer. Bill encourages the membership to include a brief description about how images were made.

Eric Kimura (Soka University of America) asks about obtaining results of the photo release survey.

Member Concerns - (Robert Jordan) Scott Galvin wants the board to look at the possibility of initiating Sports Practice/Warmups as a separate category. Trice Megginson (University of Wyoming) brings up crossover potential of a stadium being Sports Features and Campus Environment at the same time. Glenn says that's bound to happen, and members need to keep that in mind when entering and voting. Mellissa Humble (Auburn University) wants UPAA to better publicize the Multi-Media Competition and that the General Business meeting is open to the entire membership.

State of UPAA – (Glenn Carpenter) Glenn is encouraged by 81 members attending the symposium at Elgin Community College, lots of new members in the crowd, and states that financially we're in good shape. The overall membership is up. We have a strong organization.

Symposium 2014 – (Caroline Summers) "Welcome to Sweet Home Alabama" video is shown to the membership. Gets much applause. Caroline says we will keep the

symposium as the third week of June, dates are June 16 to June 21, 2014. The symposium will be in Homewood AL. Nikon shootout planned for Sloss Furnace (old steel mill)

Board Elections - (Donny Crowe, Bill Bitzinger terms up) Dan Addison (University of Virginia) nominates Jim Stroup (Virginia Tech). Caroline nominates Donny Crowe, Eric Bronson (University of Michigan) nominates Bill Bitzinger, Dot Paul nominates Melissa Humble.

Motion to adjourn by Shelly Seconded by Matt Yeoman, adjourned at 3:41 pm. Members give vote tallies to Trice on the way out. Tallied by Trice, Nick Butler (Buffalo State College) with Nick Romanenko recording votes. Bill is re-elected, with Melissa Humble being elected.