

## **UPAA General Business Meeting Samford University, Birmingham, AL - June 20, 2013**

**Call to order** – Motion made by Jeff Sabo, Miami University, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Kopp, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. President, Glenn Carpenter, Morraine Valley Community College, calls the meeting to order at 8:41 am.

**Treasury Report** – Treasurer Nick Romanenko, Rutgers University, Thanked everyone for the dues increase. With the extra revenue we will be able to better serve our members. Nick stated that the Elgin symposium turned a profit and it looks like the Samford symposium will do well also. We are over the hump with legal fees and these costs will not be a yearly expense. Nick also stated that we are in great shape financially as an organization with almost 100 grand in the bank. Lora Gordon, Radford University made a motion to accept both the budget to date and the operational budget. Martin Vloet, Photo shelter. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Membership votes unanimously to accept the budgets. Nick then flashes the bunny ears and makes a quick exit to the airport.

**Membership Report** – Membership Chair, Bill Bitzinger, Ferris State University proudly announces that we had 50 new members this past year, bringing are total membership up to 259 paid members. Bill also announced that he has pins and key chains if anybody wants some.

**Awards** – Secretary, Mark Carriveau, Elgin Community College passes around and acrylic award for everyone to look at. He proposes that we start looking at the idea of replacing the award ribbons with the new acrylic awards. 9-inch awards for first place, 6 inch for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4 inch for honorable mention. These awards will be giving for both annual print competition and publications. Mark also announced that everyone that wins an award would get one even if they do not attend the symposium. Because of the added cost of the awards and shipping costs we will need to raise the costs of the entry fee to \$10 to cover all the costs. Mark added that a survey will come out in the fall and the membership will have the chance to vote on whether to proceed or not.

Monthly Image Competition Report - MIC Chair, Jay Fetched, University of Mississippi Medical Center, asks the membership for ideas to improve the competition. Pete Henshaw, Northeastern State University suggests that we do not have the ability to vote for ourselves. Jaren Wilkey, Brigham Young University, would like to see larger images for judging and on the PDF list of winners. Beth Wynn, Mississippi State University would like to see a category for students and suggests that we do that for the annual print competition also. Susan McSpadden, Johnson County Community College that we have a special category just for the month of May so all of the May events on our campuses could be judged separately. Robert Jordan, Vice President, University of Mississippi, talked about category name

changes and Campus life is one that is being considered. Ken Bennett, Wake Forest University, suggests that we split people and portraits into 2 separate categories. Glenn Carpenter states that we do not change descriptions all the time in order to develop some continuity but does recognize that the time has come to revisit the descriptions and encourages everyone to bring forth their ideas. Joe Pallen suggests that we a randomizer for images so that one persons images are not all lumped together. Lora Gordon suggested that we expand the publications competition to include an electronic publication category. Peter Frey, University of Georgia would like to see additional categories for designers and writers so they could not be recognized also. Jay also thanked Think Tank for their continued support.

**Corporate Relations**, Corporate relations chair, Caroline Summers, Samford University tells everyone that Kelby One is a new sponsor this year and we will get \$30 off the membership fee. She encourages all members to shop our sponsors. The best way to keep our sponsors is to support them. Pete Henshaw suggests that we do a survey to show sponsors how many people are making purchases from our sponsors. David Tejada tells Caroline that he will give her all her all of his sponsor contact information. Hopefully we can get them on board as well. Jaren Wilkey suggests that we have one web page that has all of or sponsors codes and contact information.

**Annual Print Competition** – Rick O’Quinn, University of Georgia suggests that we rewrite rules so they are easier to read. Jaslyn Gilbert, Radford University, suggests that we post the category descriptions for each category with all the submissions so they can be read right before you start judging.

**Symposium 2015** – The 2015 symposium will be held at the University of Michigan from June 7-11. Glenn shows 2 different videos, one about Ann Arbor and the other from the Henry Ford Museum where the Nikon shootout will be held. Roger Hart, University of Michigan adds that both hotel and dorms will be available and he hope that everyone will be able to make it to Ann Arbor next year.

**Board Elections** – Glenn asks if there are any nominations from the floor for anyone interested in running for the board. There are none. Donnie Crowe, Louisiana Tech University makes a motion to re-elect both Robert Jordan and Mark Carriveau. Deb Lani, Jamestown Community College 2nds. The member ship votes unanimously to re-elect both Robert and Mark.

Jeff Sabo makes a motion to adjourn, Rich Kopp 2nds. Meeting adjourned at 10am