

UPAA General Business Meeting University, of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI - June 11,2015

Call to order – Motion made by Derrick Turner, Michigan State University, seconded by Matt Yeoman, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. President, Glenn Carpenter, Moraine Valley Community College, calls the meeting to order at 1:16 pm.

A motion to accept the minutes for the Samford business meeting was made by Patrick Hinley, Washington and Lee University, seconded by Collette Fournier, SUNY Rockland.

Treasury Report – Treasurer Nick Romanenko, went over the financial reports and the next years budget that were included in the welcome packets. Jeff Miller, University of Wisconsin, Madison thanked the board for keeping the organization in the black. Jim Dusen, University at Brockport, Retired made motion to accept the budget. Jeff Sabo, Miami University seconded.

Website – Ken Bennett, Wake Forest University and Glenn Carpenter, Moraine Valley Community College debuted the new UPAA website. Ken mentioned that the new website will be able to be viewed on cell phones and tablets. The new web page has a clearer design and lots of photos. The photos will change every month by using winning MIC photos. Work will continue and we will roll out live September 1st. Glenn said an e-mail would go out looking for beta testers.

Membership Report – Membership Chair, Bill Bitzinger, Ferris State University proudly announces that membership continues to grow. We are currently at 287 members. He expects us to go over 300 really soon. Facebook continues to be the best way for the group to communicate.

Corporate Relations, Corporate relations chair, Caroline Summers, Samford University tells everyone that Lumiquest, Workflow, and MAC Group, are new sponsors. Caroline also mentioned that members can get some really good discounts by going through Roberts Camera. She is currently working with Fuji to try and get sponsorship from them. Caroline also urged our members to patronize our sponsors. Hal Cook, Bob Jones University suggested that our members that win awards should tell what equipment we used so our sponsors know what we are doing with their equipment. Scott Galvin, Freelancer, suggests that we look to Borrowlenses.com for sponsorship. Laverne Jones, University of Southern Indiana recommends that we look to Adorama as well.

Monthly Image Competition Report - MIC Chair, Jay Fetched, University of Mississippi Medical Center, states that we are getting 275-325 images per month in the MIC. For the last competition of the year we received 299 entries in 3 days. Matt Cashore, University of Notre Dame suggested that we change the name from overall winner to something else. Mark Philbrick suggested that we should give out end of the year awards and limit the amount of entries each month to 5 instead of 6. Scott Galvin wants to see a way we can enter images early for the next month and just let them hold in the system until the next month opens up. Ken said he would check with the developer to see if that could be done. Justin Hayworth, Grinnell College asks if there is a way we can see points from all the entries. Melissa Humble, Auburn University suggests that we split the features and Illustrations category into 2 categories. Jaren Wilkey, Brigham Young University would like to see an image randomizer in the MIC.

Annual Print Competition – Trice Megginson, Feelancer tell us that 56 members entered the print competition with a total of 266 prints. Roger Hart, University of Michigan suggests that we scrap the print competition and go digital with it. Trice states that all recommended changes will be submitted in his report for the midyear meeting.

Member Concerns – Lora Gordon, Radford University says she would like to see a category for digital work in the publications competition. Jeff Etheridge, Auburn University suggests that UPAA has some type of certification program.

Board Elections –Donnie Crowe, Louisiana Tech University makes a motion to re-elect both Nick Romanenko and Jay Ferchaud. Laverne Jones seconds. The member ship votes unanimously to re-elect both Nick and Jay.

Symposium 2016 – The 2015 symposium will be held at Austin Peay University from June 13-17. Beth Liggett will be our host. Beth showed a video on the university. Austin Peay is about 30 minutes north of Nashville. Flying into Nashville would be the best bet. Shuttle service from the airport is available.

Nick Dentamaro, Brenau University makes a motion to adjourn, Dani Machlis, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev 2nds. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm