

UPAA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday October 22, 2011 – Palos Hills, Illinois
Moraine Valley Community College

Board members present are Glenn Carpenter, Moraine Valley Community College, Robert Jordan, University of Mississippi, Nick Romanenko, Rutgers, Martin Vloet, University of Michigan by phone, Bill Bitzinger, Ferris State, Donny Crowe, Jay Ferchaud, Louisiana Tech, and Mark Carriveau, Elgin Community College recording. Also in attendance Jim Dusen, retired, Steve Mangione, retired and Ken Colwell, Northern Ohio University, Jeff Sabo, Miami-Ohio

Call to Order - 9:39 am

Glenn calls for a motion to accept minutes from last midyear meeting at Tennessee Tech University. Bill makes motion to accept the minutes, Martin seconds.

Symposium Site Selection – Jay Ferchaud

Jay gives a rundown of future sites.

2012 Miami University
2013 Elgin Community College
2014 Liberty University
2015 University of Michigan

Glenn states that we should look west geographically for a 2016 symposium. Jim Dusen suggests that we also look at people who have already hosted. Steve Mangione suggests that at each symposium we should have an evening meeting to talk to members about hosting a symposium. Glenn states that we should still try to keep costs under \$400 for symposium registration fees. Glenn asks Ken if he can help in keeping a symposium website. Former hosts have kept it their selves but Ken could help keep it on the UPAA website. Ken agrees to help hosts with the website and develop a registration page. This way we can have more control over funds and take the burden off the hosts.

Retirees Update – Steve Mangione

Steve suggests that all retirees should have a permantley reduced rates. Steve also asks for more information on equipment discounts for retirees. Martin says he will get a PDF form out with all discounts. Steve also suggests that we make a separate personal vision type competition for retirees, students, and associate members. Steve also reports that Chris Hughes will be digitalizing all historical information and will make multiple

copies to be given to different people so we will always have access to that information.

Symposium 2012 – Jeff Sabo

Jeff reports that all programming and meals will be at one place. Jeff also states that the print competition will be kept as a show at the University. Prints will be due June 5th. The show will run from 6/14 to 7/22. Jeff also states that their gallery people will take the responsibility of returning prints. Jeff goes over a list of possible speakers and is still looking for more. The onsite lodging facilities will be three bedroom suites that will run \$60-\$90 a person. Facility costs will run \$13,037 which includes food. Based on 60 people in attendance the final costs per person should be \$375. Ken and Jeff will work together and should have the symposium website up by December 1st. Members will be able to choose to fly in to Dayton or Cincinnati as both are about an hour ride to campus. Martin suggested that we form a welcome committee for new members and help find ways to introduce old members to new ones.

Life Membership

Dawn Van Hall was recommended for life membership. Bill made a motion to accept, Nick 2nd. Vote was unanimous yes. Dawn was granted life membership.

Bill made motion to adjourn for lunch. Glenn 2nd. Motion passed and we adjourned for lunch at 12:17pm

Print Competition – Trice Megginson

Trice submitted a report. The main thing Trice would like to see is that the rules for the APC match the MIC. Robert made a motion that we go ahead and make this change. Bill 2nd. Motion passed.

Publications

Martin suggests that we add two new judges to the mix, one new member and one old one. The board will also ask Dawn to come up with a new judging sheet for our review. Robert will contact Dawn to let her know of the changes

Multimedia Competition – Glenn Carpenter

16 entries this year. Glenn states that only 16 members voted. Talk ensued on how to improve the competition. Martin suggested that we establish a YouTube account and use it for people to exhibit their work. Glenn suggested that we survey the membership and see if they want to continue the competition.

Monthly Image Competition – Jay Ferchaud

Trying to trouble shoot the problems that have occurred since we transferred to a new server. We currently owe Kevin Paxman \$600 to fix the problems in order to get the MIC running the last few months. Robert suggests that we give him to December 1st to fix the problems and give him a bonus if he can get it fixed by then. The board agrees that we get a quote from Kevin to get the problems fixed by the first part of January. Jay brings up that associate members would like to expand categories to freelancers. Martin brings up that our obligation is to serve universities and that if we start focusing on individuals we run the risk of not getting our 503c status. Jay also states that Think Tank has come up with great prizes for the winners.

Member surveys – Nick Romanenko

Nick states that we had great responses to the salary and symposium surveys.

Treasurer Report – Nick Romanenko

Nick states that the 2011 symposium is 2 grand in the whole. The biggest reasons are because Canon did not give us anything this year for the photographer of the year award and expenses related to the 50th anniversary celebration. (cake, flashlights, polo shirts etc.) Donnie suggests that we separate the 50th celebration expenses from the symposium expenses.

Insurance

Glenn states that we have a great insurance policy and we should keep it up. It is money well spent and it protects our members and board members.

Corporate Relations – Martin Vloet

Martin suggests that we put together a member benefit web page that would include all the equipment discounts available to our members.

Glenn suggested that we ask all of our sponsors now for their commitment to the 2012 symposium

Incorporation - Martin Vloet

Martin is gathering paperwork that needs to be filed. Martin has met with the lawyers and plans to have everything filed by January.

Board elections

Bill nominates Glenn for President Nick 2nd. Vote is 6-1 in favor of electing Glenn for President.

Jay nominates Robert for Vice President, Nick 2nd. Vote is 6-1 in favor of electing Robert as vice president.

Bill nominates Nick for treasurer, Martin 2nd. Vote is 6-1 in favor of electing Nick as president.

Robert nominates Mark for secretary Donnie 2nd. Vote is 6-1 in favor of electing Mark as secretary.

Glenn makes motion to adjourn and Mark 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 4:27