



Great Lakes Chapter

March 26, 2020

The Great Lakes Chapter Meeting was held via conference call. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Emming. In attendance was Kristin Emming, Kent Erhardt, Jolene Wisinski, Jeremy Gritton, Molly Costaris, Nick Ajster, Ty Lein, David Lloyd, Terry Hopman, Rebecca Smith and Mark Juedes. Todd Hoppe, Keith Arnold and Julie Luedtke were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM CT by Kristin Emming.

Minutes: The meeting minutes of the January 24, 2020 meeting were distributed by Kristin Emming, President. The minutes were reviewed with a motion made to approve the minutes by Rebecca Smith and seconded by David Lloyd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ty Lein, Treasurer, discussed the Chapter's finances. There have been little changes since the last board meeting in January 2020. The fund balance as of 2/29/20 is \$24,907. The only significant change from the 12/31/19 fund balance of \$26,645 were deposits for the annual meeting. The treasurer's report was reviewed with a motion made to approve the minutes by Molly Costaris and seconded by Rebecca Smith. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting General Discussion:

Unanimous decision to postpone the scheduled in-person annual meeting as originally planned. We are evaluating alternatives such as a conference call, GoToMeeting, or something similar. Rebecca Smith is going to make sure appropriate communications to membership are in the next newsletter and will send out a draft communication to the board to review.

Jolene discussed cancelation policies with the vendors we currently have deposits with:

- Holland Princess – Expecting a full refund. Jolene is going to cancel.
- Hotel & Conference Center – Refund is based on original estimated revenue (est. 35% of lost revenue). Currently only refunding for reservations through April 13, 2020. Jolene is going to look into refund options based on how we proceed.

General consensus is to wait until the next deadline to cancel (60 days out), which is approx. April 10. If the governor orders are to restrict meeting size, then we would likely receive a full refund. If the order is not in effect, we will evaluate at that point in time if we host in Michigan in the following year to keep our security deposit, or rotate to the next state.

Newsletter Report: Nothing of significance to report, other than Rebecca will ensure there is appropriate communication in the next newsletter regarding the status of the annual meeting originally scheduled in June, 2020.

Program Report: Nothing to report.

Membership Report: Jeremy presented the membership report. 4 adds and 3 drops on the year. Jeremy is sending 'welcome' emails and also continues to follow up on 'drops.' There were 6 past-due members. Most of which appear to be retirees that are anticipated to be official 'drops' in the coming months.

Jeremy reviewed the "Hall of Fame" nominations. There were 6 nominations for members who have not previously received the award. Ernie Potter, Ralph Miller and Bob Beerup were the 1st recipients of the award in 2019. Jeff Brandenburg (1 nomination), Joe Diglio (2 nominations), Larry Romuald (3 nominations), Brian Brown (2 nominations), Mike McIntyre (3 nominations) and Kent Erhardt (1 nomination) were the eligible nominees. There was discussion regarding each candidate, noting each was very deserving of the award, regardless of the number of nominees they received.

Motion to close nominations for the Hall of Fame, made by Rebecca Smith and seconded by David Lloyd. It was decided that Larry Romuald and Brian Brown would be the Hall of Fame recipients for 2020. Jeremy will get the awards ordered.

National Director Report: Kent Erhardt provided the report. Discussed that everyone should have received invites to the NSAC forums and encouraged everyone to join.

Education Committee Report: None

Chapter Development Report: None

Time and Place Report: None – see 'Annual Meeting General Discussion'

Other Business: None

Motion was made to adjourn by Kristin Emming, seconded by David Lloyd. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm CT.