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2003 ABANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Memphis, Tennessee

November 13-15, 2003

Thursday, November 13, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Scott Lankton and the roll was taken. Those in attendance were:

Elizabeth Brim
Will Hightower
Jerry Kagele
Scott Lankton

Murray Lowe
Dorothy Stiegler
Dan Nauman
Dave Koenig
Chris Winterstein

Don Kemper
Bob Jacoby
Maegan Crowley

Board members not in attendance were Dave Mudge, Clare Yellin and Tim Ryan.

Other persons in attendance were Rob Edwards, Editor of *The Anvil's Ring*, Brian Gilbert, Editor of *Hammer's Blow*, LeeAnn Mitchell, ABANA Central Office Administrator and Michele Devine, Central Office Administrative Assistant/ Conference coordinator.

Guests included Erik Lander, Larry Stevens, and Ike Bay.

President Scott Lankton introduced and welcomed new members. The roll was taken.

Proof of notice of the meeting was given.

MOTION #1

Murray Lowe moved that the minutes of the November 2002 ABANA Board meeting held in Richmond, Kentucky be passed as amended and not be read in their entirety, seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. **PASSED**

MOTION #2

Dorothy Stiegler moved that the Board move into executive session, seconded by Dan Nauman. **PASSED**

The Board met in Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. / Board meeting reconvened into regular session at 11:40 a.m.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Election of Officers

- Scott Lankton nominated Don Kemper for President. Will Hightower moved the nominations be closed. Dan Nauman seconded the motion. Don Kemper was elected President.
- Dorothy Stiegler nominated Bob Jacoby for First Vice-President, Don Kemper moved that the nominations be closed. Jerry Kagele seconded the motion. Bob Jacoby was elected First Vice-President.
- Scott Lankton nominated Clare Yellin as Second Vice-President and Dave Koenig nominated Dave Mudge. Jerry Kagele moved the nominations be closed. Dan Nauman seconded the motion. Clare Yellin was elected Second Vice-President
- Dorothy Stiegler nominated Jerry Kagele as Secretary. Dan Nauman moved that nominations be closed. Bob Jacoby seconded the motion. Jerry Kagele was elected Secretary.
- Chris Winterstein nominated Dorothy Stiegler as Treasurer. Jerry Kagele moved the nominations be closed. Dan Nauman seconded the motion. Dorothy Stiegler was elected Treasurer.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon / Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Publications

Rob Edwards reviewed the current price structure and number of pages in both publications. He proposed alternatives to income generation, including advertising on the ABANA website as proposed by Dave Mudge.

Clare Yellin arrived at the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION #3

Dorothy Stiegler moved that ABANA proceed with Rob Edwards' proposal to add an advertiser's section to the ABANA website for one year. The proposal would be a 50 /50 split in terms of income, with ABANA retaining ownership. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. PASSED.

Proposals for the editorship of *Hammer's Blow* were presented. Ike Bay of Portland, Oregon made his presentation. Brian Gilbert, current editor of *Hammer's Blow* made his presentation.

MOTION #4

Chris Winterstein moved that the Board move into executive session. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED

The Board met in Executive Session at 2:30 / The regular Board meeting resumed at 3:00 p.m.

Tim Ryan arrived at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION #5

Dorothy Stiegler moved to renew the *Hammer's Blow* contract with Brian Gilbert for a term of three years, subject to an annual evaluation by the Publications Committee with the goal of restructuring the format. Maegan Crowley seconded the motion. PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

Aachen Program

Scott Lankton mentioned that Jay Burnham-Kidwell is now heading up this committee and that a greater presence concerning the program would be established through articles in both the magazines and website.

Bealer Award

A written report was submitted by Toby Hickman and read by Scott Lankton. ABANA now has four froes for awards in inventory.

Bylaws

Bob Jacoby reported that there had been no recent activity with regard to the ABANA Bylaws and that they should be reviewed again in 2004.

Communications

Old business was discussed during *Publications* earlier in the meeting. LeeAnn Mitchell reported that the website has been doing well, but many issues needed to be discussed under new business.

Education / Scholarship

Maegan Crowley submitted a written report of scholarships awarded to date this year and each recipient's fulfillment.

Teaching Programs

Dan Nauman submitted a written report from the committee's last meeting held September 26, 2003 at Dan's house in Kewaskum, Wisconsin.

Elections & Nominations

Jerry Kagele reported that Dave Mudge was responsible for the tallying of votes for 2003 elections and that the results had been posted on the website and published in *The Anvil's Ring*. Deadlines for the 2004 election have been posted on the website.

Exhibitions

Chris Winterstein discussed the fact that ABANA will support the upcoming exhibition 'Contemporary Forged Iron' to be held at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Design. Craig Kaviar is providing curatorial assistance for the project and ABANA has donated \$2,000.

Finance

Treasurer's Report

Will Hightower submitted his report and reviewed the most recent monthly report from Cinde Wagner.

Finance Chair Report

Scott Lankton discussed the ABANA Trust and the trustees that have been appointed. The final documents from the committee are now David Rowe's office for final preparation.

Insurance

Clare Yellin deferred her report to new business

Library

Murray Lowe reported that the project to have a Canadian library will not work due to prohibitive shipping costs within Canada for rentals.

Sales

LeeAnn Mitchell and Murray Lowe reported on new sales items that have been added to inventory at BookMasters, Inc

MOTION #6

Dorothy Stiegler moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jerry Kagele. PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Friday, November 14, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Don Kemper and the roll was taken. Those in attendance were:

Elizabeth Brim	Dorothy Stiegler	Don Kemper
Will Hightower	Dan Nauman	Bob Jacoby
Jerry Kagele	Dave Koenig	Maegan Crowley
Scott Lankton	Chris Winterstein	Tim Ryan
Murray Lowe		Clare Yellin

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MOTION #7

Murray Lowe moved to accept the Maritime Blacksmiths Association as an ABANA Affiliate. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Scott Lankton discussed the ABANA trust and presented a draft and a letter from attorney David Rowe. Jerry Kagele indicated that the wording of the trust was satisfactory. The trust was discussed. Tim Ryan asked for clarification on several points.

Bealer Award

Scott Lankton read the report submitted by Toby Hickman and the Board accepted the recommendation of the committee.

Publications

The Anvil's Ring and *Hammer's Blow* were discussed

Internet

LeeAnn Mitchell submitted a summary of Dave Mudge's report to the board. The site has been doing well, but due to the amount of scripts used by the existing site and the new scripts needed to run the online conference feature, the website will be moving to a new host in mid-December. The idea that ABANA continue to support the online list server 'the forge' was discussed.

MOTION #8

Dorothy Stiegler moved that ABANA agree to support the online list serve 'the forge' at the rate of \$100 a year. Clare Yellin seconded the motion. PASSED

Education

Dan Nauman submitted a written report and discussed the committee's work on the 'Controlled Hand Forging' project

Library

Clare Yellin and LeeAnn Mitchell reported on the present condition of the library. Will Hightower suggested that the library be put under sales and dissolve the library committee.

MOTION #9

Scott Lankton moved that Will Hightower with the assistance of Murray Lowe and Clare Yellin reorganize the library and sales committee and report back to the Board at the 2004 meeting at Richmond, Kentucky. Seconded by Tim Ryan. PASSED

Long Term Strategic Planning

The board discussed several avenues to long term planning. Jerry Kagele and Tim Ryan both mentioned establishing a stronger relationship with the Metal Museum. Chris Winterstein also mentioned ideas for ways to improve membership retention. Dave Koenig also mentioned the idea of establishing regional advisory council.

Sales

LeeAnn Mitchell and Murray Lowe presented a draft of the "Coal Forge Handbook" developed by Stephen McGehee for ABANA sales. LeeAnn will be gather printing bids in early December.

Membership Services

LeeAnn Mitchell presented the report submitted by former chair Bob Fredell. Dave Mudge will now head up the Membership Services division.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 p.m. for lunch / Meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

2004 Conference

Dave Koenig discussed the overview of the conference and the public relations to date. LeeAnn Mitchell and Michelle Devine discussed the developments with press releases and mailing lists. Dave Koenig presented folder samples for press kits. Maegan Crowley discussed the demonstrators and indicated that everyone was under contract except William Jonkers, III, who Jerry Kagele has agreed to contact once again.

Dave Koenig discussed opening ceremonies and site set up. The campus map was reviewed and discussion about gallery space and auction item display / drop off was reviewed. Dave Koenig presented a broad overview of the 2004 Conference with mention of the maximum and minimum number of attendees.

Tim Ryan discussed the auction and his role as auctioneer and auction manager. Tim would like to conduct a silent auction each day so that it does not conflict with the live auction. Tim discussed the roles of his crew David Cornett and Carl Grainger.

Scott Lankton mentioned that he would like to see each person that donates to the auction receive a letter of thanks. The idea of projection of images to the audience would be beneficial. Will brought up the idea that ABANA should provide a tax deductible letter as well as a thank you letter. The 2004 Conference budget was discussed in detail.

MOTION #10

Chris Winterstein moved to accept the working budget presented by Dave Koenig. Bob Jacoby seconded the motion. PASSED

MOTION #11

Will Hightower moved to accept the proposed conference pricing as presented by Dave Koenig. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. PASSED

MOTION #12

Bob Jacoby moved to leave the conference budget line item for photography at \$5,000. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED

MOTION #13

Jerry Kagele moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dave Koenig. PASSED
The meeting was adjourned at 4:50

Saturday, November 15, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Don Kemper and the roll was taken. Those in attendance were:

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Jerry Kagele	Dave Koenig	Maegan Crowley
Scott Lankton	Chris Winterstein	Tim Ryan
Murray Lowe	Clare Yellin	

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MOTION #14

Will Hightower moved to donate \$1,000.00 to the Metal Museum Library Capital Campaign for their hospitality towards ABANA during the board meeting. Scott Lankton seconded the motion. PASSED

2004 Budget

Scott Lankton reviewed the projected budget he submitted to the board for review.

MOTION #14

Will Hightower moved to accept the budget of \$ 314,110.00 as presented. Seconded by Dorothy Stiegler. Chris Winterstein moved to amend the motion to reduce the budget by \$7,000. Maegan Crowley seconded the amendment. Amendment failed. A vote was taken on the original motion. PASSED

Trust Fund

There will be approximately \$50,000.00 to establish the ABANA Trust once the legal paperwork has been finalized.

2006 & 2008 Conferences

Dave Koenig reported that sites are being explored in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana for 2006. He also reported that Terry Carson and Jerry Kagele are exploring locations in the Pacific Northwest for 2006. Dave also reported that Doug Learn is exploring possibilities in the Pennsylvania area for 2006.

Jerry Kagele discussed his findings to date about the North West Artist Blacksmiths Association and several other affiliates in the large geographic area willing to assist with hosting the 2006 ABANA Conference.

MOTION #15

Scott Lankton moved to hold the 2006 ABANA Conference in Seattle, Washington. Dorothy Stiegler seconded the motion. PASSED

Dan Nauman discussed the recently acquired Cyril Colnik collection of drawings at the Villa Terrace Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MOTION #16

Jerry Kagele moved that ABANA pledge \$500 to the Villa Terrace Museum towards the fund drive for the preservations of the archives. Seconded by Dan Nauman. MOTION FAILED

Larry Stevens of Marble Falls, Texas and member of the Balcones Forge made a presentation to the ABANA Board of Directors

MOTION #17

Elizabeth Brim moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Murray Lowe. PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.