February 03, 2020 teleconference, 7-9pm

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Board members:

- Miguel de los Rios: President *
- Paul Boulay: Vice President *
- Victoria Ritter: Treasurer *
- Craig Litwin: Interim Secretary *
- Beth Holmberg (Absent)
- Celeste Flores (Absent)
- Dan Perkins *
- Gary Standke *
- Jeff Hunter *

*Indicates present

Invited Guests:

- Mike Mumford
- Dennis Dusek

AGENDA

- 1. Attendance and Agenda
 - a. Attendance Craig Litwin, interim Secretary
 - a. Roll: Board Members (7) Guests (0)
 - b. Additions to the Agenda Miguel de los Rios
 - c. Acceptance of Agenda Craig Litwin
 - d. Review of Agenda note taking and action item documentation Craig Litwin
- 2. Approval of Minutes Craig Litwin

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a. Approved by e-mail 1/17/2020 and posted on website on date

3. Officer's Reports

- a. President's Report
 - i. Provided report on tidying up efforts.
 - ii. Cash flow report and call for more outreach and fundraising
 - iii. No ACTIONS identified
- b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. We need to strive for two years operating budget according to a historic policy. We may want to adjust that expectation.
 - ii. Net loss of approx. \$60k over the last four years
 - iii. Foreign demonstrator must come here as a volunteer. We are allowed to reimburse/pay for travel and room and board for them and a companion.
 - 1. O-1 Sponsorship through ABANA could be an opportunity
 - Locks that individual into this arrangement on all border crossings
 - b. Need caution in how we proceed
 - Recommendation that we pay for travel in consult with ABANA
 - iv. 1099 to be submitted to government for all those we pay for service. Before receiving payment, a W-9 must be submitted.
 - 1. Report back
 - v. Sales Tax
 - 1. Victoria asking for Board support to register for a Seller's Permit and figure out what tax we owe the state. Support unanimously given.
 - a. ACTION Miguel to talk to the law firm about our tax liabilities
 - b. ACTION Victoria to register our resale number and coordinate with Miguel on next steps

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- c. ACTION Paul or Miguel to join Victoria at the state and to coordinate travel time offline.
- vi. ACTION Get budget items for 2020 to Victoria by April 1, 2020
- c. Interim Secretary's Report
 - i. Emails, new strings and subjects versus bundling
 - ii. Polling our membership:
 - 1. for volunteers
 - 2. Other items
 - iii. Presenters for Spring Conf getting a lot of positive feedback
 - iv. Status of Herb

4. Committee Reports:

- a. 2020 Spring Conference Committee
 - i. Paul
 - 1. Budget concerns
 - a. Fairgrounds are not supplying a big tent.
 - b. We will need approximately \$5k to purchase tents
 - c. Conference budget shows profit of ~\$6k
- b. 2021 Spring Conference Committee
 - i. Dave Caroll Chair or co-chair
 - ii. At Vista Forge
 - iii. They are excited
- c. 2022 Spring Conference Committee, Petaluma
 - Request to present 2022 budget at meeting after the Spring Conference, 2020 – Craig Litwin to report for Dennis
 - Roaring Camp offered as an alternative
 - 1. May work for capacity and works for cost
 - iii. ACTION, Get through the Spring Conference and then put our heads together for 2022
- d. Merchandise Committee
 - i. Gail. Dan
 - 1. Gail in process of doing an inventory on CBA merchandise.

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- 2. Event merchandise needed next
- 3. Ferndale merchandise about to be ordered in consult with Victoria
- 4. Jeff is going to work on an ebay store update
- e. Magazine Committee
 - Editor-MikeMumford
 - 1. Inserts for renewals and Spring Conference, cost of ~\$167 Mike or Craig
- f. PR and Marketing committee
 - **Needs Chair**
- g. Website Committee
 - i. Mike, Julia
- h. Membership and Fundraising Committee
 - **Needs Chair**
 - ii. Needs volunteers to make member renewal calls
 - iii. Social media
- i. Education Committee
 - Dan Perkins / South ed Chair
 - 1. Instructors training in the North and South prepared
 - 2. Spring Conference will have a robust educational tent with multiple beginner and intermediate classes
 - 3. ACTION- Miguel to help create tools that are needed for the conference:
 - a. Need swages 1.5 dia stock for 1" hardy
 - b. Chain tongs
- j. Safety Committee
 - i. Needs Chair
 - 1. ACTION- Need Chair before next meeting
- k. Grants committee
 - i Chair: Beth
 - 1. Tabled

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- I. Election Committee (Paul)
 - i. We did not get folks to sign up to run for the board
 - 1. Two people signed up to be a board member
 - a. Requires nomination, which will be done at the next board meeting

5. Old business

- a. Insurance Policy, update on increased coverage
 - i. ACTION- Miguel will update all of the names of each person, insurance policy carrier, and address that are part of the CBA teaching forges, cross referenced with the website/magazine
 - 1. Each forge will then be provided a sheet that proves coverage
 - ii. ACTION- Update the website to show CBA insured forges

6. New Business:

- a. Resignation of Herb Upham as CBA Secretary creates a need for a new Secretary. Craig Litwin is willing to serve in this role. This would mean there is an additional vacancy.
 - ACTION Gary moves and Paul seconds that Craig is the new Secretary
 - 1. Passed unanimously
- b. Filling Board Seats, Action by the President
 - Board Seats that are open: Beth Holmberg, the open seat from previously, and Craig Litwin's seat as he is moving on to Secretary. Celeste Flores may consider remaining on the Board.
- c. Asset inventory effort
 - i. It has begun. Victoria is working on a list and valuation. The question is if we want to include as an official asset.
 - ii. ACTION Victoria to include an inventory list for the next Board meeting for review and additions by other board members.

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- d. Event promotion
- e. Request from Michael Houston for a CBA insured educational shop in NV.
 - **ACTION- Miguel to update the insurance list with Michael** Houston's shop details for insurance purposes.
 - ii. **ACTION- Craig to reach out to Mike Houston to give him the** Board's approval.
- f. Major donor recognition protocol
 - i. ACTION- Victoria to call the 2k donor to ask if they are willing to have recognition in the magazine.
 - ii. **ACTION-** In kind contributions should be recognized
 - iii. **ACTION-** add to the conference program and in the magazine summary of the event.
 - iv. Magazine mention, card, etc?
- g. Raising dues for business members and other members
 - Paul moves raising the business dues to \$95
 - 1. Victoria seconds
 - a. Unanimous Consent
 - ii. ACTION- Craig to update the dues section in consult with Julia
 - 1. SUB ACTION- Need Note for the increased fee to be sent to Active Business members before renewals are due

7. Correspondence:

- a. Joe Koches bereavement card e-mail and mail, confirmation of completion
 - Confirmed
- b. Formal thank you to Herb Upham for his years of service to the CBA
 - President's message noted his service.
 - **ACTION-** Craig to send handwritten card on behalf of the board
- c. Formal thank you to Tom Owens for his years of service to the CBA
 - President's message noted his service.
 - ii. **ACTION- Craig to send handwritten card on behalf of the** board.
- 8. Open Time: Comments and Questions:

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- a. Last agenda a struct tool policy was made by Gary
- b. ACTION-Gary to forward to Julia a request that she puts the Struck Tool Policy on the webpage.
 - Sub action- ask Julia if she knows how to get Wild Apricot how to search our specific articles on our website
- 9. Next BOD meeting
 - a. Spring Conference, according to our bylaws
 - b. Notice must go on our website 30 days prior for General Membership meeting
 - i. **ACTION-** Craig to send out agenda 15 days before the meeting or put on the website. Consult bylaws for specific requirements.
- 10. Move for adjournment at 8:49pm