

# CBA Board Meeting Minutes

*Wednesday February 7, 2024 7:00 PM Zoom meeting*

## Officers and Board members:

- Dennis Dusek: President
- Victoria Patti: Vice President
- Bill Kasper: Treasurer
- Michael Suwczinsky: Secretary

## Board Members

- Linda Mangum
- Chris Branuelas
- Karen Tappendorf
- Carol de Maintenon
- Greg Hudgins
- Jonathan Lambert\*
- Angelo Brusatory

**\*Indicates absent**

**Guests:** Paul Boulay, Victoria Ritter, Mark Aspery

## BOD Candidates:

- David Thayer
- David Gotfredson\*
- Shelly Cornoyer\*
- Evan Pintzuk\*
- Chris Branuelas
- Rishi Leung\*

## AGENDA

- 1. Attendance and Agenda- Michael Suwczinsky**
  - a. Note start time 7:04 PM
  - b. Additions to the Agenda**
    - i. Michael Johnston Letter-Unanimous approval to send certified-sec'y to print, sign and mail with delivery confirmation.  
*Membership fee check with letter.*

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- ii. Grants Applications-Peter Clark-\$1000 Freidrich Christoph workshop
- iii. Celeste Flores \$500 Mark Aspery-Folsom-Instructor Certification
- iv. Mike Barth-\$1000-Tinsmithing class-
- v. All Grants fall within the Grant Budget for this year. Angelo Motions approval, Bill Seconds-Grants Approved
- c. Note Minutes from previous meeting-Dennis Approves, Karen Seconds -*sec'y-12/6 minutes to Julia to post*
- d.

## 2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President's Report**-Endorsing **Kirk McNeil** as the next CBA President. Kirk is willing to step up and I feel he would make a fine president. He has held the VP post before.
- b. Mark Aspery would like to talk about chairing the 2025 conference-if Reno won't pan out.
- c. We should form a committee to review the non discrimination bylaws-Paul Boulay and Bill Kasper to start after Placerville. Metal Museum just redid their policy and many non profits have a policy in place.
- d. After SC24, Prez would like Google Phone #s and @calsmith.org Emails for all Board members. *Sec'y to look into the process*
- e. **Vice President's report**-Website updates are up and running. We need a webmaster-Paul Boulay acting in that capacity for now. [Web@calsmith.org](mailto:Web@calsmith.org) linked to Paul's email-VP to start a discussion about a webmaster candidate in the next few weeks.
- f. **VP** is interviewing SC demonstrators for short films before conference-Michael Quesenbery has great things to say about CBA, we put on "Amazing Conferences"
- g. **VP** is working on merch for conference. Hats, mugs, hoodies etc.
- h. **Treasurer's Report**-Q2 report (7/1-9/30) was a 'good year' current expenditures for SC lodging are up, Motion to accept report by Linda, VP seconds.
- i. **Secretary's Report**-Membership-1010 members, 36 new in 2024
- j. Motion to increase CBA dues by \$10/year for each level of membership.
- k. Dues last raised 2010-2011 membership year. To take effect April 1, 2024.
- l. Motion-Treasurer, Second-Sec'y-*Announcement by newsletter*

## 3. Committee Reports:

- a. **Spring Conference Committee**-Linda/Greg-Meeting every Tuesday, keeping comps to a minimum. A toolbox for young smiths?

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- b. **Education**-Mark Aspery and Victoria Ritter are to “Move Up” in CBA education, handing the reins to Jake Trogden and Steve Westfall. Mark is taking a bunch of CBA T shirts for the Auction at BABA
  - c. Power hammer workshop was a success at Winterbash, Roll out for SC24
  - d. Weaverville Instructor training will be taken over by Folsom Forge, on March 16, hosted by Jake Trogden.
  - e. Vista Forge is considering a non ferrous instructor workshop
  - f. A Caitlin Morris Instructor Zoom - Victoria would like to see at least 3 instructor events a year
  - g. **Magazine Editor’s report.**-Mark’s last issue as editor is out. Victoria Patti to take over.
  - h. **Website** -VP reporting: Gallery and vendor links have been updated, includes Blacksmith Supply, Blacksmith Depot, drop Pieh Tools, add Centaur Forge. Add Quick and Dirty Tools? Paul would like to discuss (as policy) who we have on the website and why. DNS server is updated.
  - i. Wild Apricot Credit card policy. Paul has concerns, *Sec’y to look at our liability insurance as it pertains to credit cards*, of which approx. 120 are stored in W.A. for renewal memberships.
  - j. **Zoom Committee**
    - i. Michael Budd Zoom 2/18/24-registration open
    - ii. Marciano Grabato Zoom 12/10/23-report-21 attendees, well received. Recorded for editing. Upload when done.
  - k. **Safety** We are all safety-PPE, shoes, mushroomed tools
4. Next BOD meeting -**Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7 PM**
5. Move for adjournment
- a. **MOTION**, FIRST, Treasurer SECOND, Linda TIME: 9:06 PM