

INBA Spring General Membership Meeting

April 16, 2011 Holiday Inn, Rock Island

** Meeting called to order by Jennifer Fuller at 12:40pm*

She welcomes everyone and thanks Kim Boomer – convention chair.

> Motion to accept minutes from Fall General Membership Meeting –made by Degman, seconded by Roberts—motion approved

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report – Jennifer Fuller:

Fuller explains why she is now president after Hahn resigned to take an out-of-industry job. Fuller thanks Hahn for her service and continued dedication to INBA.

Fuller acknowledges petition to Rod Blagojevich re-trial regarding juror questionnaires. The petition asks to make the names public. Zagel says he will release juror names AFTER the verdict. He won't destroy the questionnaires. INBA will follow developments.

Vice President's Report – Laura Trendle Polus:

Serves as resource to convention planners

Rock Island update: Kim Boomer reports on upcoming sessions this afternoon.

- **Springfield – Fall 2011**

Chair Michelle Eccles says Peter King will be keynote speaker from CBS news. A session on social networking and another session will be held on walking the line between news/talk. One-man banding will be discussed. A tour of the Statehouse will be held. Scholarship auction will be held at the fall convention. A Sunday session will focus on finding the “best in people.” Another session will focus on behind the scenes producing. Venue is Statehouse Inn September 23rd-25th. Book early as the convention coincides with a car festival in Springfield

- **Macomb – Springfield 2012**

Chair Alex Degman says a final date is still being determined. Venue will be the Hampton Inn. Sessions to be held at Spoon River Outreach Center. A session will be on convergence journalism. Another session may be on covering agriculture

Co-chair Rich Egger says stay tuned for more details.

- **Fall 2012 Metro East**

Rachel Lippmann chair.

Treasurer's Report – Alex Degman:

Q2 is more bulky, bank account near \$19,000 does not include this weekend's scholarship. Paypal numbers will be transferred. INBA in good shape. Fuller encourages members to look at INBA store.

Executive Secretary – Rich Egger:

Membership is 177, which includes 107 voting, 52 students and 16 associates, 2 non-voting professional members

Recording Secretary – Jenna Dooley:

Welcomes contributions to the tune-IN.

Immediate Past President - Jim Gee:

Past Presidents choose Illinoisan of the Year, nominations around Memorial Day. Selection by Labor Day

Student chapters correspond with Gee. Chapters appear strong, with the exception of the U of I. One factor for fewer student members may be fiscal constraints.

Fuller asks for a motion to approve the officer reports –

> **Motion to accept officer reports is made by Tanya Koonce, seconded by Will Stevenson-- Motion is approved.**

Foundation Report – H Wayne Wilson:

INBA Foundation invests money that is used to pay the Scholarships – \$165,700, growth over last year.

Growth of \$23,000 is from both equity and contributions

> Motion to receive and file the Foundation Report made by Bob Roberts, seconded by Tamara Starks -- Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cameras and Microphones –Jim Grimes:

Fuller reports INBA is still fighting to get cams and mics in the courts. Encourage membership to use cameras where they are allowed, such as appellate and Supreme Court.

FOIA – Bob Roberts:

Update on FOIA backlog of matters brought to public access counselor

AG likely to make more binding opinions than advisory.

SB1645 – Would set limits on information individuals could request

HB3500 – Regarding database on FOID card owners

SB1702 – Eavesdropping measure that is ambiguous to news gathering

FOI committee is for all members. Don Craven is a resource for INBA as he is on retainer

Legislation – Amanda Vinicky:

Nothing of concern

Honors and Awards – Tanya Koonce:

11 applicants, 6 finalists, 4 winners

\$1225 Awarded per student

Fuller is asking membership to approve naming Lee Milner as a honorary member for service and dedication above and beyond. Similar to lifetime membership to an associate member

>**Motion made by Bob Roberts, seconded by Michelle Eccles and Charles Wheeler double seconds—Motion is approved.**

SINBA Awards – Alex Degman:

Online applicants are available. Awards will be given tonight

Financial Committee – Alex Degman:

We have sold an INBA directory, it is available on the website for members.

Scholarship auction – Dave Dahl—auction items being collected for Fall convention

Membership Outreach and Benefits – Chair needed:

Mentoring/Tape Critiques – Jenna Dooley:

Dooley will facilitate tape critique session in the Sicily Sax room at 3:00. Resumes encouraged for the next critique session

Professional Development – Sandra Torres Lopez:

Torres is organizing a summer seminar in Chicago on business and agri-business reporting. June 11, 25, or July 23rd are tentative dates. Possible venue NBC Tower

Nominations and Elections – Jeff Bossert:

5 openings in the fall

Archives – H Wayne Wilson:

Wilson says binder information has been largely moved to the website as a member benefit.

Website – Jim Gee:

More information is available for members only on the website

> **Motion to approve the committee reports – made by Paul Davis, seconded by Michelle Eccles – motion is approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Code of Ethics updated.

>**Motion to approve Code of Ethics as updated – motion made by Bob Roberts , seconded by Jacob Long – motion approved**

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership and growth a priority for Fuller as President. She is asking Board to meet as a special committee of the whole to recruit and serve membership. She encourages members to bring in new members.

> **Motion to adjourn is made by Jim Gee, seconded by Jeff Bossert-- motion is approved.**

Meeting is adjourned at 1:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Dooley – Recording Secretary