

**MINUTES OF THE
TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

Sunday, December 5, 2010

1. Call to order and Announcement of Quorum.

The meeting was called to order by the Gustavo Tracchia, first vice president at 11:38 a.m. PT.

Present: Gustavo Tracchia, first vice president, Anne M. Platoff, second vice president, Edward B. Kaye, treasurer, and William J. Trinkle, secretary.

Absent: Hugh L. Brady, president

Also Present: Peter A. Ansoff, immediate past president.

The First Vice President announced the presence of a quorum.

Hearing no objection, the Agenda was approved

2. Reports of the Officers.

Report of the President.

Absent –no report.

Report of the First Vice President.

Preparing for ICV 24, Gus has begun receiving emails w/ abstracts or intentions to submit abstract – 7 so far for about 30 presentation slots. The submission deadline is March 31, 2011.

Report of the Second Vice President.

Updated Cannon Grant information is now on the website, changing the amount of the grant to \$500 from \$250. We will wait to decide whether that is a permanent change, as the current donor contributes \$250 each year. One of our Cuban members may need some assistance in applying for the grant—Ted offered to help if asked.

Report of the Treasurer.

Our year-end finances are in good shape. All set to report on 2010 in the next *NAVA News*. NAVA 44 turned a surplus of about \$3,000, which Ted attributed to the careful management of organizer Bill Trinkle. Membership renewals are starting to come in.

Report of the Secretary.

Not much to report since NAVA 44. Have waited to send Honoraria to Peg Brady and Kim Walters at the Autry until NN 208 was available to send with them in the thank you. Those are in the mail now. Bill's goal is to have the remainder of the year's minutes finalized and out by the end of the year.

3. Reports of the Committees

Membership Committee.

25 new members were reported for 2010 in NN; three more have joined since. It has been a slow year on membership activities given all else going on (NAVA 44).

Q: Any arrangements made with NIFDA members re having NAVA membership materials at their stores? Start with commercial members of NAVA.

Put Pete Van de Putte in charge? He had offered at NAVA 44.

Q: Should we have Shane or someone else create the html which could be added to Flag retailers webpages which is a small ad for NAVA ? We liked this idea and referred it to the Membership Committee to begin looking at.

4. Report of the Annual Meeting Committees.

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Ted and Peter presented an update on the ICV planning. They toured the Masonic Memorial earlier this week and hammered out details. Unlike on the contract negotiations,, the staff are very helpful on the planning details. The Memorial may be able to offer the liability insurance. Ted stayed in most of the ICV hotels; they will be satisfactory for our registrants. The Masonic Memorial is a 10-15-minute walk up the hill from the headquarters hotel. We have a super all-day tour at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, with a behind-the-scenes tour of the flag collections on Wednesday. Generally evenings will be free for socializing. Need leaders and communication for dinners on the first nights. We'll visit Annapolis on a post-Congress tour, likely on Saturday.

The location of the congress venue and HQ hotel is right next to the Metro station (King Street). Contracts with all the hotels are in place, and 12 people have already registered. We will have access to the Memorial on Sunday PM at the latest.

5. Report of the Publications Committee.

NN 208 In the mail

Raven 17 In the mail

Digitization Available now to members.A *NAVA News* article will announce the project.

6. Consideration of Other Business.

New Business

We discussed our challenges over the next year: the ICV, attracting new members, and executing on the website upgrade.

It was suggested that NAVA 46 & nominations for the Board be addressed at the next meeting.

7. Reminder of the Next Telephonic Board Meeting (Sunday, 2/6/2011 at 11 a.m. PT).

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

William J. Trinkle,
Secretary
North American Vexillological Association