

Skal International USA

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Skal International USA National Committee Meeting Unites Industry Executives and Future Leaders

Washington DC, September 19, 2016 -- Skal International USA, the only international organization bringing together sectors of the travel and tourism industry while networking, conducting business and helping communities locally, nationally and internationally, held its annual National Committee Meeting on September 10, 2016 at The Wyndham Riverfront in Little Rock, Arkansas, marking significant changes in the future of the organization and the professional growth and career path of its youngest members.

The National Committee Meeting was held in conjunction with the 3rd Annual North American Young SKAL Symposium which hosted 12 Young Skal members from USA, Canada and Mexico. Established by Skal International in 1999, the Young SKAL category recognizes the importance of engaging with future leaders of the travel and tourism industry during their study/ training period in the industry. Many SKAL clubs around the globe provide scholarships for students in tourism. Today, SKAL International boasts approximately 800 Young Skal members in every corner of the world.

Delegates representing 24 SKAL USA Clubs were present at the National Committee Meeting, representing their respective Clubs within SKAL USA to discuss the 2017 budget and vote for bylaw changes supporting the new Board structure approved by membership on June 9th in Boise, ID during the NAASC.

Young Skal members in attendance also conducted their own meeting to discuss SKAL International 2020 Project developments, the 2017 Young SKAL Symposium which will take place in Toronto in June 2017, and other endeavors such as networking opportunities and career advancement for future leaders of the industry in SKAL.

The meeting featured visits and dinner events at area attractions and venues such as the Hastings Museum, Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum, home of USS *Razorback* submarine, the Navy tugboat *Hoga* and Little Rock Yacht Club.

SKAL USA is the second largest National Committee within SKAL International with 2,200 members nationwide. For more information about SKAL International, SKAL International USA and membership opportunities, please visit www.siusa.org.