



## **Skal International USA National Committee Meeting Minutes**

*September 29, 2013*

*Carnival Glory*

### **In attendance**

President- Tom White

V. P. Administration – Carlos Banks

V. P. Finance – Dick Knorpp

ISC Councilor- Lou Conkling

V.P. Region 1 – Edward Davis

V.P. Region 2- Michael Klein-Kracht

V.P. Region 3- Toni Koster

V.P. Region 4 - Martha McClintock

V.P. Region 6 – Tom Moulton

### **Absent**

V.P Region 5- Cyndi Golden

President Tom White called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

Llana Smith, Lou Conkling and Bob Bader were introduced as SIUSA Past Presidents

President White gave the SKAL toast followed by Vice President Administration Carlos Banks acknowledging those members that have passed since April 2013.

Anchorage, Baltimore, Boise, Central PA, Charlotte, Connecticut, Dallas, Detroit, Ft. Worth, Houston, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Long Island, New Orleans, Nashville, Minneapolis/ St. Paul, Myrtle Beach, Palm Springs, Pittsburgh, Portland, Sacramento, San Jose and Santa Fe were recorded as absent from the meeting.

President White reviewed and explained the three (3) voting cards for the meeting.

### **ISC Report- Lou Conkling**

The following clubs have already made a donation to the FVF- Colorado, Los Angeles, New York, Tucson, Jacksonville, Nashville, and New Orleans. Mr. Conkling asked that all clubs donate something before December 15, 2013 to be counted for 2013.

Louisville Geeks are awaiting confirmation from SKAL International on the completion of the transition to the new server before making the final changes to the SIUSA website. Hans van Doorne and Dave Barela are working hard on the updates with the website.

SI Atlanta and SI Hawaii inquired about their donations to FVF for 2013; SI San Francisco stated they submitted a donation in January of this year in the amount of \$1000.

### **Vice President Finance Report- Dick Knorpp**

Mr. Knorpp presented the Financial Reports through August 31, 2013. As of August SIUSA had 2358 members. September Net Income reflects \$53,880.68; payment due to ABA, our SIUSA Administrator for September- December will be \$8300; Orizon, the SIUSA CPA charged \$3245 for services in 2012; World Congress estimated expense for the SIUSA Board is approximately \$18,000. Mr. Knorpp is projecting a net income of \$23,000 for yearend 2013.

Mr. Knorpp reported that SIUSA purchased EUROS in August to pay SI dues in 2014 therefore SIUSA will not have the extreme loss due to the exchange rate in 2014 as has been in the past five (5) years. SIUSA recently purchased 75,000 EUROS at a live rate of 1.31 EUROS plus service fee totaling 1.33 EUROS for 2014 dues; SI will issue a \$250 EURO credit to SIUSA since we assisted them with funds in advance.

Account Receivables as of end of September 2013 are \$2661 which reflects current billings for new member dues.

**The proposed Dues for 2014 are as follows:**

Active and Associate Members: \$127

\$66 SIUSA

\$61 SKAL International

Life and Retired Members: \$123

\$66 SIUSA

\$57 SKAL International

Young SKAL Members: \$30

\$15 SIUSA

\$15 SKAL International

The total SIUSA/SI dues increase for 2014 is \$11.

Mr. Banks confirmed a quorum was present for voting; 18 votes are needed to pass a motion.

Anita Peck, SI Albany moved to approve the SIUSA NCM minutes from St. Augustine August 11, 2012, Valerie Davis SI Hawaii seconded. Motion carried with 1 abstention.

Ramon Antelo, SI Miami moved to approve the SIUSA AGM minutes from Sacramento April 13, 2013, Barbara Kenney SI Orlando seconded. Motion carried with 1 abstention.

**Vice President Administration- Carlos Banks**

Mr. Banks reminded those present that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the SIUSA NCM to be held in late July or early August 2014 were sent to all SIUSA clubs at the beginning of September. The selection of location will be made at the Winter Board meeting in Nashville in January.

Nominations are open for positions on the SIUSA Board and must be received by the SIUSA Administrator no later than midnight CDT on October 15, 2013; communications have been sent to all club presidents requesting nominations for interested members. Qualified candidates information will be posted on [www.siusa.org](http://www.siusa.org) and [www.siusaelections.org](http://www.siusaelections.org) for all members to view. Ballots will be emailed to Club Presidents on November 1; the SIUSA Administrator must receive all ballots by midnight on November 30th. If there should be an RVP that runs for higher office and their current term of office is not complete, then a special election will occur in early December. Presidents please make sure your email addresses are current.

The SIUSA Winter Board meeting will be held on January 11th, 2014- in conjunction with ABA Marketplace convention in Nashville. The meeting is open to all members; if you are interested in attending contact your RVP or SIUSA Administrator for registration form. There are a block of rooms that have been set up at the Doubletree.

Mr. Banks reviewed SKAL International Statute proposals that will be voted on at the SI General Assembly. The SIUSA Board recommended not to support the first proposal. Should the first proposal not pass then proposal # 2 and #3 will die.

Statute Proposal #4 is proposed by SI Switzerland to permit proxy votes at the General Assembly on issues. The SI Executive Board and SIUSA Board do not support proposal.

Statute Proposal #5 proposed by SI NNJ regarding restructuring and prorating dues. The SI Executive Committee does not support this proposal; the SIUSA Board didn't support the verbiage, but agreed with concept. SI NNJ President Robert Lowell commented he is checking if it will be possible to change the months of the year in the proposal to reflect January to June full dues; July to October 50% dues; November and December no charge. The concern from SI is the revenue and budgets. Burcin Turkin SI Atlanta commented that a number of potential members are waiting until end of year to join. Anita Peck SI Albany agreed. Mr. Banks reported the SIUSA Board liked the concept.

The proposed statute regarding quorum issue is supported by SI Executive Committee and SIUSA Board recommended.

The proposed statute regarding Reserve Funds is supported by SI Executive Committee and SIUSA board.

SI members will vote during the General Assembly on either Stavanger or Kenya Coast for the 2015 World Congress venue.

SI Candidates for 2014 include:

President Marianne Krohn- and Karine Coulanges - SIUSA Board recommends Karine Colounges

Vice President- Ann Lootens, Salih Cene and Nigel Pilkington. SIUSA Board recommends Salih Cene.

Directors: SIUSA board recommends Lou Conkling, SI Louisville.

SI Auditor, SIUSA board recommends Frank Klare, SI Philadelphia.

Carlos explained the voting process and how to vote and importance of ballot

Mr. Banks reminded all that the SIUSA Board is only providing recommendations; not directing SIUSA clubs how to vote; you should vote as directed by your respective clubs.

### **Old Business**

The SIUSA Administrator will be handling the newsletter going forward. Mr. Banks asked that clubs submit articles to their RVP within the next two weeks.

Ms. McClintock announced she has a small supply of SIUSA cuff links and new note cards available for sale; accepting only cash or checks.

Ms. McClintock announced SIUSA will have a complimentary booth at ABA Marketplace for the third year thank you to Pete Pantuso and his support. This will be the fourth year SIUSA will have a presence at the convention. As a result of a suggestion by Ed Davis, RVP I, the SIUSA member name badge flags will be included in delegate registration bags; ALL SIUSA members will have a name badge flag at ABA in January.

Mr. Davis also suggested that all SIUSA clubs be sent a copy of the ABA Motorcoach Marketer to use as a membership recruitment tool. SIUSA Club presidents were mailed the directory along with a letter co-signed by SIUSA President Tom White and ABA CEO Pete Pantuso. Clubs are encouraged to use this tool to build membership.

Mr. Banks reported the final count of SIUSA clubs present at the meeting is 32.

Dave Barela, SI Colorado and SIUSA Auditor gave a brief presentation on creating a Club website. Mr. Barela uses [www.wix.com](http://www.wix.com) for SI CO; he provided samples of his club's website. Mr. Barela stated that the set up and editing will cost as little as \$99/year for a club. Mr. Barela offered to do the set up for each club interested. He also commented that the website can be connected directly with PayPal. Paul Kastner SI New York asked for a webinar on creating a website. Mr. Barela reported he uses Wufoo for meetings RSVP.

Mr. Barela explained the special tabs he has created for the SIUSA website for each of the Regions per a conversation with Ms. McClintock and Mr. Davis in Sacramento.

Ms. McClintock reported the administration of the SIUSA Facebook and LinkedIn sites have been transferred to SIUSA Administrator to manage; Brandon Buchanan is overseeing both social media going forward.

Mr. Barela reported SI Colorado has all known website links for clubs posted on their club website.

Mr. Barela announced SI Colorado will be honoring Bill Sweet who is 93 years old and only the 2nd person in SIUSA to celebrate 50 years of membership. SI CO will honor Mr. Sweet at their December meeting.

Mr. Banks reminded all that SI Halifax will be hosting the NAASC Congress May 1-4 2014. The host hotel is the Westin Nova Scotian. Registration is \$1275CD or \$1210US for a single. A short video on Halifax was shown.

Mexico City will be the host for the 2014 SI World Congress. A short video on Mexico City was shown.

President White reviewed history of past several NAASC Congress locations and announced that the USA will host the NAASC Congress in 2016 because affiliate clubs are not interested. President White will send out a request for proposal (RFP) to all SIUSA Clubs upon returning from the SI World Congress.

President White introduced the Regional Vice Presidents who were present: Toni Koster, Region III; Ed Davis, Region I; Mike Klein-Kracht, Region II; Tom Moulton, Region VI; Martha McClintock, Region IV.

Mr. Banks showed a sample of the SI ballot document.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am