



## Minutes of a Natural Stone Council

Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2012

Present: Jeff Buczkiewicz, Jonathan Zanger, Bill Hood, Moe Bohrer, Gary Distelhorst, Alex Bachrach, Jane Bennett, Brenda Edwards, Jim Owens, Todd Schnatzmeyer, Will Bybee, Dennis Buechel, Mike Schlough, Brad Poynter, Eddie Greene, Bernard Buster, Bill Simmons, William Swift and Duke Pointer.

Working with an 11-item agenda, new Chairman Moe Bohrer called the meeting to order at 3:05 and read the anti-trust document prepared for the NSC. He also took a roll call and issued a welcome to all, calling out new Board members Mike Schlough and Bill Hood.

A brief discussion was held about Duke's conversation with David Large regarding representation on the Committee for the National Slate Association. It was decided to address this again during next month's meeting as more information may be forthcoming from that group.

The minutes of the Las Vegas Board Meeting held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with StonExpo were approved with a correction changing the Chair of the MSHA/OSHA Committee to Monica Gawett as Moe Bohrer was incorrectly listed as Co-Chair (Motion: Edwards, Second: Bennett with unanimous approval).

Jeff Buczkiewicz, the newly elected Treasurer, briefly discussed the 2011 year-end financial report noting that the NSC showed \$ 183,647.00 in revenue and \$ 189,189.00 in expenses, resulting in a \$ 5,542.00 loss for the period. The report was approved as presented (Motion: Owens, Second: Poynter with unanimous approval).

Bohrer noted that he had appointed a Special Finance Committee consisting of Edwards, Joe Dellacrose, Buczkiewicz, and Owens to review Pointer's salary. Edwards delivered the Committee's recommendation, which was, given that Duke had not had a raise since he was originally hired, that he be given a 10% raise. Owens noted that, at the NSA meeting the Board had recommended that the distribution of Duke's \$ 40,000.00 salary, which had been shared equally between the NSA and NSC, be changed due to the fact that the NSA was no longer taking in much revenue. That Board had voted, pending the approval of the NSC Board, that the distribution be changed to show \$ 35,000.00 coming from the NSC and \$ 5,000.00 coming from the NSA. After some discussion, including input from Pointer, it was decided the 10% be figured on the \$ 35,000.00 figure, thus the new figures will be \$ 38,500.00 from the NSC and \$ 5,000.00 from the NSA and approval was given by the Board (Motion: Buczkiewicz, Second: Bybee with unanimous approval).

The 2012 and 2013 Budget Review was tabled until the March 13, 2012 meeting (Motion: Owens, Second: Buczkiewicz with unanimous approval).

Bohrer explained the new Committee structure noting that as Chair he believed that Executive Directors of associations should not be Committee Chairs. He noted it was a personal belief that this would encourage more member involvement, plus the Association Executives had full plates as it was. The NSC By-laws give the Chairman the authority to make these decisions. He had talked to both Schnatzmeyer, who was Chair of the Sustainability Committee and with Bennett, Chair of the Web Committee and both agreed. Accordingly, Buster has been named Chair of the Sustainability Committee and Jane has recruited Rob Broekhuizen of K2 Quarries in Vancouver as Chair of the Web Committee.

Hood gave a report on the MSHA/OSHA Committee, noting that they were continuing to gather responses from the survey which had been sent out. Additionally they had just received the 2012 Regulatory Agenda. They will set up a Committee meeting soon to discuss both of these and to consider the next steps.

Bennett gave a brief report on the Web Committee, noting the Chairman change and stating that there was nothing new since last month's Las Vegas Board Meeting. They will also set up a meeting in the near future.

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Buster then discussed the Sustainability Committee, noting that they met in Las Vegas and went through several questions that had been submitted. Further they also had a meeting today, just prior to this Board meeting. During this meeting they established draft criteria. Schnatzmeyer noted that the contract with Eco-Form shows an 18-month development schedule and that as written it also shows a \$ 14,000.00 to \$ 15,000.00 per month potential charge. It was noted that the process had been started, then stopped for a period of time. Pointer noted that there had been no invoices since the end of November and he believed the only charges that would be forthcoming would be travel expenses for StonExpo. It was further noted that Mindy had a time frame for completion sometime in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012, but the question now is whether or not the current contract is still valid. Pointer will set up a conference call with Jack, Mindy and Moe to get an update and a general agreement as to where we are with this and where we'll be at some point down the road. The Board agreed we need to get something in writing before proceeding any farther, as there is confusion that needs to be cleared up.

Continuing with the Sustainability Committee Buster noted that Jack is to answer the rest of the questions during the next meeting of the group. It was also suggested that the Committee consider doing a video of the questions and answers for distribution. The general feeling is that, given today's technology, people respond better to something they can see, rather than something they have to read. Such a video could also be put on various websites. The Committee will come back to the Board with a recommendation.

There was no old business to discuss.

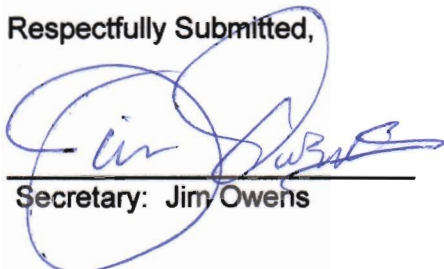
Under new business, Bohrer asked Buczkiewicz to chair a Committee to put together a system to reach out to all who donated to the NSC last year. This way we could update them on what we're currently doing with the hope that they'd at least renew their previous donations. He noted that while Buczkiewicz was an Association Executive he was also the Treasurer, thus it made sense for him to chair the Committee. It was then suggested that Joe Dellacroce be a part of the Committee and possibly the Chair. Buczkiewicz agreed to pursue this.

Buechel and Poynter were asked the status of the ASI's commitment to the NSC. It was also noted that Bill Halquist had attended the meeting in Las Vegas and had asked to replace Buechel on the Board, pending approval of the ASI Board. This change had been approved by the NSC Board, again pending approval of the ASI. Since the Las Vegas meeting, ballots had been sent to ASI members, seeking votes as to whether to continue to support the activities of the NSC. Results of that ballot are unknown at this time. Poynter and Buechel will try to get clarification of these issues and report back to this Board by the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2012 at 3:00 EST.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 (Motion: Owens, Second: Bennett).

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary: Jim Owens