



Minutes of a Natural Stone Council

Board of Directors Meeting

December 11, 2012

Present: Moe Bohrer, Bill Hood, Jane Bennett, Mark Sawyer, Alex Bachrach, Brenda Edwards, Will Bybee, Jeff Buczkiewicz, William Swift, Gary Distelhorst, Jonathan Zanger, Rick Dilts, Jim Owens, guests Rob Broekhuizen, Jim Hieb and Bernard Buster and Executive Director Duke Pointer.

Working with a 9-item agenda, Chairman Moe Bohrer called the meeting to order at 3:03 and read the anti-trust invocation. Bohrer then did a roll call of the Board. The minutes of the previous meeting, held November 13, 2012, were approved as presented (Motion: Edwards, Second: Dilts with unanimous approval).

Buczkiewicz briefly discussed the financial report noting that as of 11/30 year to date revenues were \$ 106,026.00 and expenses were \$ 70,872.00, thus showing a net gain for the period of \$ 35,154.00. The NSC showed a balance on hand of \$ 200,423.00. The report was approved as presented (Motion: Owens, Second: Zanger with unanimous approval).

Attention then turned to the Committee Reports. Hood, who is in his second week with Dixie Granite, reported on the activities of the Regulatory Committee. The revised survey draft was distributed by Duke prior to the Board meeting. The intent is to use the Survey as a format to build a database, and to designate one person from each organization to contact members either directly or by e-mail, compile answers and forward them back to the Committee. This would be done on a quarterly basis and the respondents would remain anonymous. This generic database of concerns would be put into a document and sent to our legislators so that they can be kept abreast of our concerns. The Board approved the Survey as submitted for distribution (Motion: Dilts, Second: Swift with unanimous approval).

As Dave Melum was unable to participate in the call, Bohrer noted that Melum had recruited three members for the Environmental Compliance Committee. The initial focus of the Committee will be on radon, the Rice Standard regarding air emissions and the Particulate Emissions Standard. Melum will have a report for the January meeting.

Regards the website, Broekhuizen reported that he, Bennett and Pointer participated in a Web Maintenance conference call on November 15th. Some content needs to be updated and the MIA Graphic Designer will work with the Committee. The content must be regularly refreshed and kept relevant. The site has good functionality. Since Google Analytics was installed in early November, Bennett noted there have been 1385 visits to the site. This information will ultimately be accessible by the Board. Duke will maintain the site....he's already made a few changes and will do more and work with the Committee. It was noted that the group needs to develop a "To-Do" list for regular updates and do them every two weeks or at least monthly.

Buster discussed Sustainability, noting that according to Jack and Mindy, there were 12 affirmative votes and two negatives, along with 149 comments from 21 different respondents. Jack, Mindy and Mark Rodgers are working to resolve issues raised in the comments and the implementation of some will require substantial changes to the Standard. Once they are done their recommendations will be submitted and there will be an adjudication ballot to incorporate the changes, then the Standard will be re-balloted. Duke will get with Jack to get something for the website and the Board can expect a quantified update at the Las Vegas meeting.

Regards fund-raising, Buczkiewicz stated that the letter went out and a couple of donations have been received, though it's unknown if they were in response to the letter. Hopefully more will come in by the end of the year and he and Joe Dellacroce would welcome help from others. Bohrer mentioned an article he'd received explaining the check-off program being pursued by the concrete producers and Buczkiewicz elaborated on the progress of the effort, noting it was primarily put forth by the block producers but that the Mason Contractors were supporting it. If it passes it is projected to provide \$ 75,000,000.00 per year to the concrete masonry industry. Bohrer will distribute the article to the Board.

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In his Executive Director's report, Pointer noted there have been no changes to the Board since the November meeting. He then updated the Board on GreenBuild in San Francisco which ran from November 14th to the 16th. He said it was a decent show with lots of traffic, though only 18 people wanted their badges scanned. He figures there was at least 3 times that many who visited the booth, noting that the second day was the busiest and that probably 50% of those who came through were from the west coast. He is trying to get attendance figures, and he heard there were 25,000 to 30,000 people there, though this hasn't been confirmed. The Board will, at some point, want to address the merits of continuing to display at this show. He also reminded folks that want badges for StonExpo and haven't requested them to let him know as soon as possible so he can get them ordered.

Pointer then discussed the By-Law Change regards the term of the Directors, noting this is primarily a house-cleaning exercise. Currently the terms do not coincide with the annual meeting, likely due to the fact that StonExpo used to be held in the fall. The changes, which Pointer had included with the packets for this Board meeting, include the following:

Section 4, item b now reads "The appointed members of the Board shall serve three-year terms. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered in such a manner that no more than one-third (or one-third plus one in the event member numbers are not evenly divisible by three) of the Directors will be replaced each year. All Directors may be appointed by their respective organizations to serve for an unlimited number of successive terms."

Section 4, item d now reads "The term of an appointed Director shall commence immediately following the Annual Meeting unless that Director is removed for cause, resigns, dies, or becomes incompetent while in office."

Under Article XII, Amendments, a notation was added stating this was amended December 11, 2012.

The changes to the By-Laws were approved as presented (Motion: Owens, Second: Edwards with unanimous approval).

Under old business Bohrer mentioned the Truth about Granite Fund stating that granite quarries and fabricators should be contributing. Distelhorst and Zanger noted that the NBGQA has promised a \$ 20,000.00 donation. Further, the initial study, which was done at the Rock of Ages Quarry, showed no indication of any radon being present. That quarry was chosen because of its depth and because it is totally confined, and this is good news for the industry, and good information for the EPA.

Bohrer then expressed the feelings of the Board by offering best wishes to Distelhorst on his retirement.

Under new business, Bohrer reminded all that the Las Vegas meeting will take place on January 28th at 11:30 am in a meeting room at the Mandalay Bay, and urged everyone to think about officer nominations for 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 (Motion: Owens, Second: Bachrach).

Respectfully Submitted:

Secretary: Jim Owens