

USARD Annual Meeting Lancaster Pa April 21, 2013

The meeting was chaired by Bill McGrath, w/ Gary Gillotti as recording secretary and w/ Charlie Kammer as treasurer and convened at 9:00 am.

Attendance:

Board of Directors Members; Gary Rockwell, Bill Mojica, Bill Hartman, Nick Biscotti, Joe Gillotti, , Gary Gillotti, Charlie Kammer, Bill McGrath

Regular Members: Guy Iannello, Joe Fontana, Don Mason, Peter Mason, Bill Putnam, Gary Gay, Ginger Wilk, Dave Nesser, Jerome Marshon, Bob Zarfoss and others.

Excused: Steve Young

Agenda Items:

I. Bob and Pat Zarfoss reported on the condition, current status and location of Steve Young.

II. Treasures Report

Charlie Kammer reported the financial status of the USARD. Report N/A on minutes

The report was "Pre-Convention", Cost of Convention not included.

USARD Convention attendance: 132- 5 no shows

III. Best Practices: What went well?

Everyone seemed to think that the overall project went well and that everyone had a good time and that it ran rather smoothly.

IV. Worst Practices: What didn't go well?

Bob Zarfoss felt the convention was overbook, also should start earlier on Friday night

Bill McGrath stated that we definitely needed to have conversations with Clinicians so that they "Can not over-ride time". Gary Rockwell suggested we have a Floor Monitor to keep time. All thought this was a good idea.

Don Mason stated the columns in the Ball Room blocked the spectators view. This was generally agreed. Ginger Wilk, who was working the reception table with Charlie, stated there was a little confusion with the reception table and merchandise in that more people should have known a little more about the check in procedures so as to be more effective when sitting in for Charlie.

Charlie suggested having a separate table for merchandise.

V. Old Business:

Joe Gillotti brought up a discussion on Special Membership, example Matty Lyons, deceased, Bestowed or Paid. This will be discussed at next Corning Meeting

Joe also brought the need for Biographies for the website. Also any articles written for or about USARD should be proofread and then go through the website first.

VI. New Business: Convention 2014 Discussion

It was mentioned that the Convention seems to conflict with WGI. However next year WGI is a week before Easter, so our date a week after Easter would not conflict. April 25- April 27 was suggested. Don Mason stated that Marching Band season still on but many in the room felt that the band season would have very little effect on our overall operation. Joe Fontana suggested November. PAS is usually the first or second week in November.

VII. Quarterly Meetings:

Bill McGrath brought up that with the growth of USARD, we may need to maintain Quarterly Meetings in Corning. Gary Rockwell felt that 2 meetings are sufficient and that another could be done on-line.

VIII. Next Convention:

Gary Gillotti brought up that Crown Plaza in Danbury Ct. is holding the last weekend in April for us. He said he will visit with Marie Risk at the Crown Plaza in May. Again she has stated we will beat anyone's Prices. She brought the idea of the Executive Committee having a meeting at the Hotel, so she can show them around. Joe says that the Danbury location is not too far from the New York State boarder and is right off a major highway.

Bill McGrath stated that Kim Tanner of the Holliday Inn Airport Rochester is pricing her rooms to be competitive in the market place and offering those rooms at \$89 per night. The bar is very large, and the dining is as well with a ballroom four times the size of the Heritage with all being an open space having no obstructions. The Holiday Inn Air Port is 1000 feet from the Rochester International Airport and there are three overflow hotels within a half-mile of that Holiday Inn. Charlie brought up that the GAS 2014 Reunion is always the first week-end of May, making it 5/1 thru 5/4. This would mean the USARD's convention would just be three days between each event, which could maybe a problem with persons who normally attend both events.

IX. Membership: He brought up we had 118 members, including Lifetime and Complementary.

X. Website: In view of the recent 'hacks', Joe Gillotti led a discussion on the upgrading the website to the more secure, latest version of the Joomla software which the site uses. Joe suggested the purchase of a special migration software utility to accomplish the upgrade. **The request was brought up as a motion for approval by Charley Kammer. All agreed; Motion was carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.
Next Meeting TENTATIVELY is on Saturday July 6, 2013 Corning, New York.