

OAPI BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY, 24, 2010

President Dean Wells called the meeting to order at 10:00. Present were David Beavers, Michael Rudey, Wyatt Simons, Eric Helms, John Baumgartner, David Hudson, Ron Branson, Ron Schmitt, Charles McNaught, Dale Williamson, Lisa Humble and Tom Spayth.

Dates for the Board meetings this year were announced and they are May 11, Aug. 10, Nov. 9 and Jan. 11, 2011. The meetings will be held at the Department of Commerce Building on Tussing Rd.

Next years conference was discussed and Dean announced our rates will remain the same however room rates will be increased \$2.00 per night. The hotel has offered this as well as a 2 year contract. The dates are tentatively set for Feb. 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2011. Careful attention to your calendar as to which nights you will be staying is strongly suggested. Dean asked Wyatt to continue handling the tabletops. Wyatt said he would be happy to and Eric and Michael had agreed to help him.

Ralph said he had received a request from several members for more BBS hours from the conference and could see no reason why they would not be granted.

A discussion about some sort of a survey concerning the conference was then held. Lisa mention that perhaps a survey could be added to the web site and that would give us some idea what the attendees thought of this years event. All members of the board thought we need something to guide us in planning all future conferences.

Wyatt said he had received several invitations to attend other meetings and these included free tabletops. The only request seemed to be that we man the display. He said several Board members have volunteered to do this. This brought about a discussion about some type of a board for a tabletop. Dean and David Hudson were going to work on this. David Beaver made a motion to purchase more pens. The motion was seconded by Lisa and a positive voice vote was recorded.

Dean said Wyatt had talked to Ray McDermott and that Ray was sorry that health problems kept him from attending this year. Dean said he would see that the notebook, etc. all had received would be sent to Ray.

Ralph said he had several points he wanted to bring up. He wants mailings to go to all on his data base. Inspector of the year be divided into the four districts that we recognize. Who would we honor next year? What about the web site? He announced that the web site appearance will be changing soon.

Charlie made a motion that we recognize one inspector of the year from each district. The motion was seconded by both David Hudson and Ron at the same time. The motion passed.

Ron thanked the Board for honoring his father this year. He said it was truly appreciated by his mother, father and especially himself.

During the districts report it was mentioned by several how happy they were that Eric Helms had started a backflow training program. This cuts down travel time for many in his area.

In closing the meeting Dean challenged the board members to come up with ways to make next years conference even better than this one which will be a Herculean task.

Then he wished everyone a safe trip home and the meeting was closed at 11:00.