

**2012 OFFICERS**

**Rick Fowler** *Chairman*  
**Barney Paternostro** *First Vice-Chairman  
& Chairman-Elect*  
**Tessa Wiggins** *2nd Vice-Chairman*  
**Evan Graybill** *3rd Vice-Chairman*  
**Paul Wieg** *Secretary*  
**Doug Tymkiw** *Treasurer*  
**Inactive** *Immediate Past Chair*

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**TBD** *Scholarship*  
**Jahnette deBlanc** *Science Fair*  
**Carlos Guzman** *Education*  
**Steve Freeman** *Golf Tournament*  
**TBD** *Sporting Clays*  
**Richard Rusch** *Newsletter*  
**Annie Whetsell** *Sponsorships*

**ADVISORY BOARD**

**James Coronato**  
**Steve Strain**  
**Annie Whetsell**  
**Jean May-Brett**  
**Ken Meyers**  
**Jeff Holland**  
**Steve Walsh**  
**Shane Adams**  
**Keith Doucet**  
**Sonny Clary**  
**Henry Welch**  
**Brandon Ortego**

**ACTIVE PAST CHAIRS**

**Bernadette Alaniz**  
**Jan Catalano**  
**Carlos Guzman**  
**John Dribus**  
**Jim Rike**  
**Bob Vaughn**  
**Ben Waring**  
**Steve Freeman**

## Minutes of the Meeting API Board of Directors Meeting September 23, 2014

*Meeting Commenced @ 11:35AM – LLOG Office in Covington, LA, and others via phone bridge*

*In attendance: Rick Fowler, Barney Paternostro, Jan Catalano, Sonny Clary, Tessa Wiggins, Loretta Arceneaux, Paul Wieg*

*With only 5 members of the Executive Board in attendance, a quorum was not present*

**Minutes – Rick Fowler**

- o Approval of minutes from the July board meeting was deferred due to the lack of a quorum

**Peggy Bourgeois Role – Rick Fowler**

- o Peggy was thanked for over 10 years of service.
- o A special gift to honor her service was discussed; **Peggy also should be invited to the December social event.**
- o Peggy was proposed as a candidate for next year's Meritorious Service award. Rick reminded that Jim Bob Moffett was discussed as next year's candidate. It was suggested that we could have both receive an award.
- o A new Scholarship Chair is needed. **Carlos Guzman has volunteered to fulfill role on an interim basis.**

**Clay Shoot Chair – Rick Fowler**

- o A new committee chair to replace Bob Bailey was discussed.
- o Bob was thanked for 7 years of very capable service fulfilling this role.
- o Barney suggested that if a replacement could not be found he would fulfill Bob's role on a temporary basis; Sonny Clary will consider assuming the role after assessing responsibilities.
- o Bob has agreed to work with the new chair to allow for a smooth transition.
- o The importance of a chair and working committee was emphasized as the Clay Shoot provides a significant revenue stream to the organization.
- o **Rick requested that a replacement chair be named by end October** of this year.

**Officers/Board for 2015 – Rick Fowler**

- o Officers are expected to "advance" in their roles in the coming fiscal year; **Barney has committed to approach each officer and discuss their role for next year** (Barney will also call each member of the advisory board).
- o It was observed that for several meetings this year, there was not a quorum present – Board Members will be requested to commit to attendance (as their schedules allow)

- A new candidate for Secretary needs to be identified

### **Technical Meeting – Tessa Wiggins**

- Summary of meeting: all went very well. Was not attended by as many as hoped for, although there were about 45 individuals present. The presentation was excellent. Several attendees have asked for copies of the presentation, but unfortunately the speaker cannot provide such.

### **Joint Meeting – Tessa Wiggins**

- John Young, Jefferson Parish President and candidate for Lieutenant Governor, has committed for Tuesday, November 11 Joint Meeting.
- Flyer is up on website. **Rick is to send out a meeting reminder note to membership early October.**
- Not clear when hotel needs final head count. **Action Item: find out when attendance number needs to be finalized for hotel.**
- **Action Item: Rick to contact Joint Member presidents to remind them of upcoming meeting.**
- An inquiry was made about who has responsibility for RSVPs – this is the role of the second vice chair.
- Jan pointed out that November 11 falls on the usual SPE Meeting date – **Rick volunteered to contact the SPE meeting president to remind them of (potential) overlapping meeting dates.**

### **Newsletter**

- Deadline of September 30 for articles discussed.
- No articles to add beyond those already identified

### **Website**

- Joint meeting link on website discussed.

### **Budget - Doug Tymkiw**

- Golf Tournament revenues were about \$20k, slightly less than usual. Extra income this year came from sponsors and membership dues.

### **Membership – Evan**

- No update

### **Sponsors - Annie Whetsell/Brandon Ortego**

- No update

### **Childrens Museums – Rick Fowler.**

- Kick-off Joint Society Committee meeting was good and very well attended.
- The committee agreed to sponsor an “Unhealthy 5k” Run on May 23rd, 2015. The event is intended to be family friendly, and will include vendors in City Park. It is hoped the event can either start or end at the new museum site, and will include a mix of running/ walking and food tasting (serious runners may be allowed to start first before food tasters roll). It is also hoped the event will include a silent auction in the park (under tents).
- Next year’s event will be entirely self-managed – event management groups required too large a fee (~35%).
- It is envisioned that such an event will become an annual fund raiser, with location alternating between the south shore and the north shore.
- Participants will be able to designate that their event fee go to any of the three museums being supported – or chose to not designate. For undesignated event fees, proceeds will be split as follows: 5% for BCCM and remaining 95% to be split by LCM and CMST based on square footage of industry-dedicated exhibits (current allocation would be about 2/3 for LCM and 1/3 for CMST).
- It was agreed that the SPE would handle event registration and accounting, based on their larger budget and more sophisticated registration capability. SPE will collect 100% of the event proceeds and redistribute after final accounting is established (including agreement on exhibit space).

- Both LCM and CMST have committed to industry-friendly exhibits with a minimal floor space allocation. Final size and content is under continuing negotiation, however it is envisioned funding will increase with commitment to additional square footage. Timing for such final commitment will hopefully coincide roughly with the “Unhealthy 5k Run” (i.e. around or shortly after May 2015)
- CMST has established preliminary designs for the entire museum. Sponsorship and funding will hopefully be established by April, 2015.
- Rick Fowler will head up the Joint Society Committee sponsoring the Children’s Museums next year.

### **Golf Tournament – Steve Freeman**

- The golf tournament was excellent and was well-attended.

### **Year End Social Event – Rick Fowler**

- The timing and location of the Christmas Social Event was discussed in detail – Benedicts and the Lake House are the primary venues under consideration. Baker Hughes has kindly volunteered to sponsor the event this year. Rick asked that there be a single event – either a more formal dinner or a less formal mixer, but not both. Sonny Clary, representing Baker Hughes, will solicit preferences from the API Board for location and timing of the event. **Sonny will make venue arrangements based on feedback from the group.**

### **Other Business**

- Meeting attendees were reminded of the upcoming “Strike for Stem” fund raising event to be held November 1 at the Mid-City Lanes Rock N’ Bowl.
- A question was raised about possible involvement of the API local in educating lay people about potential oil and gas development in the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale - and countering the loud “anti-fracking” voices of activists. Context for the question was a recent local geoscience technical meeting (hosted by NOGS) during which a contentious discussion on fracking took place, as well as the ongoing legal action sponsored by the St. Tammany Parish government attempting to block permitting of a TMS exploratory well. The executive members responded that a public dialog was beyond the stated purpose of the organization, **but Rick volunteered to communicate with the national API organization to consider undertaking more industry-friendly initiatives in southeast Louisiana.**