

2015 OFFICERSBarney Paternostro
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Doug Tymkiw
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Richard Rusch
TBD*Scholarship
Science Fair
Education
Golf Tournament
Sporting Clays
Newsletter
Sponsorships***ADVISORY BOARD**Annie Whetsell
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Jean May-Brett
Benjamin Gary
Ken Meyers
Jeff Holland
Steve Walsh
Nick J Russo
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Jan Catalano
Carlos Guzman
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Jim Rike
Bob Vaughn
Ben Waring
Steve Freeman

Meeting Minutes API Board of Directors Meeting May 20, 2015

Call to order – Barney Paternostro:In Attendance: Tessa Wiggins
Paul Wieg
Doug Tymkiw
Steve FreemanSteve Freeman
Sonny Clary
Richard Rusch
Steve WalshSteve Strain
Jean May-Brett
Benjamin GaryJan Catalano
Ben Waring
Loretta Arceneaux**Minutes – Barney Paternostro**

- April Minutes were approved

Officers/Board for 2015 – Barney Paternostro

- Tessa asked if anyone wanted to volunteer or identify new candidate for 3rd Vice Chairman. Unfortunately, there were no takers so this position remains open. Please let Barney know if you talk to or hear of anyone who may want to serve on the Board as 3rd Vice Chairman which handles membership.

Advisory Board – Barney Paternostro

- Ben Gary indicated he may know of a potential person from Halliburton.

Calendar 2015 – Barney Paternostro

- Golf Tourney (Steve Freeman) will be September 18, 2015 at the Covington County Club. There will be 1 round format instead of 2, Tee time @ 8:00am, the morning always seemed better than the afternoon and he is hopeful that API can profit around \$14,000 for API.

Meritorious Meeting

- Paul Wieg will do follow up for newsletter with pictures of recipients.

Technical Meeting – 2nd Vice Chair

- Tessa confirmed Rick Fowler as speaker on the topic of Who Dat Platform.
- Need article for newsletter.
- August 11 Place and Time: TBD; Paul Weig will select a venue.

Joint Society Meeting – 2nd Vice Chair

- No potential candidates at this time. Solicited any suggestions. Rick was looking into the option and costs of having Lyndy Phillips, a humorist for the luncheon.

Teacher of the Year Program

- Jean said reviews have been completed and thanked those who helped with this project.
- Congratulatory letters went out to winners and non-winners.
- Honorary banquet to be held at Audubon Tea Room on June 2 @ 1:00pm, with program to begin @ 1:30pm. Jean would be grateful if someone is able to come and serve as the photographer to capture pictures for the upcoming newsletter. Dessert and soda will be served and all can enjoy a visit in the zoo after.
- Jan Catalano nominated Barbara Paillet to be awarded Distinguished Service Award. She was the person that brought the first robotics event and serves on Board of Core Element.
- They are under budget even with providing the award to Barbara Paillet. A vote was held and it was unanimously passed that we would make the award to Barbara.

Scholarship Program – Annie

- Follow up with Annie at June's API meeting.

Clay Shoot – Sonny Clary

- Sonny reported that API collected \$32,100 in registration less expenses of \$14,059.06 for a total API profit of \$18,040.94. PayPal fees were very minimal of \$340. Great time was had by all.

Newsletter - Richard Rusch

- Deadline for June newsletter is June 3rd/4th. Tessa said the newsletter should include information on the August meeting, Golf Tournament, results of Sporting Clay Shoot, results of scholarship recipients, results of Teacher of Year Award. Jean offered to send information on the Bayou Regional First Robotics Competition and will also send in Science Fair information if Jahnette is not able to do it. Richard also requested pictures from any event for the newsletter whenever possible.

Website

- Barney sent out Board of Directors Contact List. Please review your information and send any changes to Ben Waring.

Membership

- Considering asking Southeastern for Interns looking for a networking opportunity and service hours. Steve tried to reach out to Southeastern for Interns, but has had no success yet. It was suggested that maybe we could ask our Scholarship recipients or possibly contact Tulane University for students requiring volunteer hours. Steve will continue to work on this effort.
- We need to find a way to automatically remind members of their membership renewal on the anniversary of their membership. Charlie handled setting up the database and 3rd Vice-Chairman handles upkeep. Meagan Kohls has volunteered to keep the database up to date until we find a 3rd Vice Chair and/or an intern. We would like a reminder to go out automatically once a year. Suggestion was to download database and send out emails in January and a reminder quarterly. Sonny has a list of emails that were returned as "unreceivable" and will send it to Meagan for comparison to our most current list of email addresses.

Sponsors

- Ben to confirm sponsors already with API and will then meet with Barney regarding how to proceed going forward.

Children's Museum – Rick Fowler.

- "Unhealthy 5k" or "Family fun eat and run" - Loretta Arceneaux spoke with Rick Fowler who stated we are shooting for the Spring 2016 as the only Sundays available in the Fall were 9/6, 10/4 and 11/15. There will be an SGS event benefiting LCM in October. Rick to follow up with more information at the next API meeting.

Upcoming Events

- August 11 Technical Luncheon

Other Business

- Tessa reminded everyone of November 9-11 Joint Math and Science Conference to be held in Baton Rouge and that Volunteers will be needed.
- Tessa noted the Delta Chapters website www.api-delta.org was added on the letterhead for the Meeting Minutes, but not on the letterhead for the Agenda. She will get with Meagan to have this added to letterhead for future Agendas.

Quorum

- A quorum is one-third of members of the Executive Board.
- The Executive board consists of 7 officers and the advisory committee which is 12 members (listed above); therefore, seven of these individuals must be present to constitute a quorum.