

CSI/BOSTON: MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, 2/11/09 , by Herb Ule

Venue: Maggiano's, Boston, MA

Call to order: 4:30 PM

Attendees: Brian Neely (pres), Bill Waterston (past.pres.), Pat Halm (pres.elect), Herb Ule (sec), Don Bannon(D and NE Region rep), Kevin Murray(webmaster), Ralph Enos(Dir. And Parameter Editor), Mike Woessner(D), Bill Shannon(D),Norma Williams(D), Mike McBride(D), Shelley Hudson(membership), Howie Levine, Tony Mazza.

Committee Reports and Updates:

- A. **Academic Affairs:** Don suggested that we re-institute a scholarship program. The Chapter used to conduct a design competition, but it required a lot of organizational work. It was also difficult to get more than one or two schools interested. We should consider possible alternate approaches to distribution: children of CSI members, possible awards to schools.
- B. **Awards:** Brian is encouraging our chapter to submit for awards for national recognition. The Parameter, the 50th Anniversary Book, and possible individual awards should be considered.
- C. **Bylaws:** We are running out of time. If changes are proposed, they should go out with the ballots. Will plan separate meeting to review proposed changes. One proposed change would change officers' terms from one to two years. Director's terms are currently two years. Don also suggested that perhaps the Boston Chapter's Region Director should have voting rights in the chapter, which currently he does not have. Other suggested changes are invited.
- D. **Communication:** New website is up and running. Check it out.
- E. **Certification:** CDT has started.
- F. **Finance:** CSI National requires us to notify them of our dues structure for next year by March 2nd. It is currently at \$150pp for Boston's portion of the dues. This includes all the regular dinner meetings. Discussed changing dues structure. Could lower yearly dues, but charge for each dinner. This might increase membership, but collecting the payments would be more involved. **MOTION:** To maintain the Boston Chapter dues at \$150pp. **PASSED.** Also discussed lowering our guest fees, since our meal costs are lower at Maggiano's, around \$50-\$52pp. **MOTION:** To reduce guest fee from \$75pp to \$60, and \$50pp for prospective members. **PASSED.**
- G. **House:** Last month we had 41 from ICRI and 41 from CSI, 82 total. Cost was \$4,285.81, or about \$52pp. Will charge ICRI \$55pp. Tonight's meeting will be "The Ups and Downs of Elevators". We have 46 reservations. Asked Maggiano's to figure on a few more.
- H. **Membership:** Shelley Hudson and her crew have been calling members whose memberships have lapsed. Current total count is 203. Shelley has a few members who are interested in becoming more active, Brenda Stanfield and Cliff Stockton.

NEW BUSINESS

Ballots: Have to be mailed by mid-March. Nominating Committee needs to get to work. Looking for new volunteers.

Board meeting adjourned: 5:30 PM

Next Meeting: March 11, 2009

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