

**PALICA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Harrisburg, PA**

**Minutes from February 8, 2020**

**Call to Order**: Chairman Evelyn Cottrell called meeting to order. Joanie did the roll call. Evelyn Cottrell did invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Members in Attendance:** Joanie & Dan Micsky, Gary Theuret, Chris Moore, Evelyn & Richard G. Cottrell, Richard B. Cottrell, Barry Mutzabaugh Jr., Ron Ronciglione, Jeremy Pruskowski, Cory Stuchel, William Guiste

**Others in Attendance:** Nancy & Lawrence Micsky, Mandy Fairchild, Allison Pruskowski, Crystal Mutzabaugh Region 1 VP Chris Wagner

**Motion for Approval of Minutes from the November 9th meeting was made by Jeremy Pruskowski, 2nd by Cory Stuchal, all were in favor, motion carried.**

**OFFICER’S REPORTS:**

**President, Chris Moore:** Chris spoke about this convention and thanked Joanie for her efforts.

**VP, Cory Stuchal** : No Report

**Chairman, Evelyn Cottrell**: No Report

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Ron Roncaglione had no report and deferred to Joanie who presented the financials to be reviewed by the board and those in attendance. Dan Micsky made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Jeremy Pruskowski seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

**COMMITTEES & REPORTS:**

**Associates:**

Joanie reported on the positive impact of our associates and their willingness to participate in our event personally and financially and that we’re up to 25 associate members.

**Awards/Scholarship**:

Evelyn mentioned about the due date for PALICA Scholarship applicants is now 3/31 of each year.

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**By-Laws/POLICY**: No report

**Convention:**

Joanie reported on the speakers and events from Friday and asked for input from those present as to what they enjoyed, what topics we should cover in the future etc. She will take the surveys that were filled out by attendees to try and formulate next year’s convention.

**Education/Trainings:**

Several board members met with the Mercer County Conservation District in relation to hold our 2020 field days at their location. Jay Russell, the District Manager informed Dan that their job is to provide education, so he wants to partner with PALICA to utilize their services.

**Legislation**: No Report

**Long Range Planning:** No report.

**Insurance:**

Bruce Mosier reported on the UFG Program. The program was designed in 1996 in Iowa. You had to be a member to qualify and let contractors use their own agent if possible. The program is growing quite rapidly. **Business Auto Claims have surpassed Workman’s Comp claims so safety is more important than ever**. $3.7M in premiums in PA – total book is $12.7M. Some larger accounts were moved outside of the program due to the structure of the program. $6M in claims over our regions.

**Membership:**

Joanie shared the UFG growth and potential and membership is approximately 150 – there will be drops still in that mix that we’re waiting for confirmation on.

**Scholarship:**

Evelyn Cottrell spoke about the deadline date changing from June 30th to March 31st each year to coincide with National LICA’s deadline of 3/15. The balance of the account has grown considerably and a discussion was held regarding increasing the scholarship award amounts from $750.00 to $1,000.00 **(and continuing offering up to 2 each year).** Cory Stuchal motioned to increase the scholarship for the 2020 year, Jeremy Pruskowski 2nd, all were in favor, motion carried. Joanie will put that change on the website along with the next newsletter.

**On-Site Waste Management**: No report

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**Legislative & Long Range Planning:**

Dan updated the group on the proposal we signed in conjunction with NUCA – currently it’s in limbo being held up by attorneys. Utility companies are fighting back.

Dan said we’re working hard to offer opportunities to our membership.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Dan reported that he, Jeremy Pruskowski and Cory Stuchal met with Mercer County Conservation District and walked over the prospective project. A wetland pond that is being used for other services was one area they looked at. Cory looked at drainage tile and retention pond, along with a composting toilet that is a ways from the building and has a leak. Dan said it needs pumped and assessed so they may be able to make it work.

There have been some verbal commitments from machine dealers for the event. This can be used as a teaching tool for the public. Demos may be available and shooting for July/August timeframe. The Conservation District will pay for materials and get needed permits. The idea is to go in day or so ahead of time to do preliminary work.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

Chris Moore spoke about the winter convention in Las Vegas and the lack of education being offered. He felt it didn’t make sense for people to pay the cost of registration and hotel/travel for nothing more than committee meetings. No speakers are currently on the agenda. He felt writing a letter to National LICA board might make sense. Everyone agreed so Joanie and Chris will work on a letter and present it to the membership before passing along to Chris Wagner to present to the national board.

Chris Wagner spoke more on that topic and said that he’d be happy to deliver any type of letter and that this was a topic that many chapters had discussed but never formally presented their concerns to the national board. The convention in Vegas would be a great time to have this topic addressed.

Evelyn Cottrell introduced the board’s newest member, Barry Mutzabaugh Jr. and all welcomed and thanked him for agreeing to become a member.

Lawrence Micsky spoke about having many committees in the past and how that worked to involve more people. It was discussed that it certainly is worth attempting to draw others in**, but the entire board needs to help in that effort so to approach other members you know and have those discussions**. Barry was put in charge of the PICNIC Committee to start off the effort.

**Motion to adjourn @ 5:30pm was made by Dan Micsky, 2nd by Lawrence Micsky, all were in favor, motion carried. Next meeting date will be set soon. Moved on to Annual Meeting.**