

**** Note, All Motions were voted on and accepted unanimously except noted otherwise.**

Called to Order: Steve Van Dyke @ 5:14 pm

Attendees: Michael Sheehan, Michael Lapomardo, Roland Barrett, Steve VanDyke, Neil Dixon, Ken Henderson

1 Reviewed Minutes from the last Board Meeting:

Motion to accept Minutes as submitted 1st Neil 2nd Mike L

2 Treasurers Report:

1. Mike L has recommended that we re-visit our target for a Self Sustaining Fund, which is currently just above \$100,000 and consider a higher Target based on the cost of having an outside firm administer it.

Motion to file 1st Neil 2nd Mike S

3. Membership Committee:

1. We are currently at 34 primary members and 5 holding primary membership elsewhere. **39 Total**

4. Programs for 2017

1. **January 17th** : We marked this meeting as a success. Well attended (approx. 20) and an informative, well presented topic.
2. **February**: Roland has created a Flyer which will be edited to highlight the “where” and “when” of the event. WPI will pick up Pizza and CSI will pay. . We will see the Lab and there will be a “burn” demonstration. We will try to create a WCCSI Promo Handout for the event.
3. **March**: Tom Hopkins: MAAB- Accessibility.....Steve is working on Learning Objectives.
4. **April**: A Tour of Nelson Place School.....Rob Para is the contact and we need to firm up Learning Objectives.
5. **May**: Cranes- Jobsite Safety and an overview of how Crane requirements are calculated. Worc Cnty Crane.....Mike S is organizing
6. **June**: Braveheart’s Baseball Outing. Ball Park Buffet, including a Box Seat Ticket to the Game.....Mike S will secure the June 21st Date @ \$27 pp
7. **July**: Golf Outing, July 14th. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting 2/23/17 and will discuss the Awards process.

****Drone Program will be in the Fall or used as a Fill In Program**

5. Academic Outreach:

*Steve has organized a Fire Protection Program at WPI

* The Scholarship Committee will meet Feb 23rd

6. Newsletter

1. The Paid Advertiser List has been reviewed.
2. Roland will request feature Newsletter articles by Advertisers
3. Always looking for monthly content

7. Engaging Less Involved Members

*Hold another BOD Meeting where members can join us and offer input about Chapter ideas.

* Start writing Member Bio’s and including them in the Newsletter.

8. Certificate Procedure

1. Ken is handling certificates and is currently working on distribution.

9 .Chapter Elections

1. Discussion re: Region Nominating Committee is tabled until next month

10 .Identify Emerging Members

1. Steve will ask Peter Caruso if he would like to be considered as one of our “Emerging Members” .

11. National Convention

1. The National Convention will be held in Providence Rhode Island on September 13-16

12 .Region Awards

1. Of the potential awards listed, Steve said Worcester Members would qualify under the following categories: **Appreciation, Newsletter,** and **Education(Item1)**

Next Meeting will be : March 7th, 2017

Motion to Adjourn by Roland, 2nd by Mike L.....Adjourned @ 7:03 pm