WCCSI Meeting Minutes 5/2/17 @ Willikers Tex-Mex, Shrewsbury Ma

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

Called to Order: Steve Van Dyke @ 5:06 pm

Attendees: Michael Lapomardo, Roland Barrett, Steve VanDyke, Neil Dixon, Marty Helly, Ken Henderson, Mike Sheehan, Peter Caruso, Terri Bracken

1 Reviewed Minutes from the last Board Meeting:
   Motion to accept Minutes as submitted 1st Mike 2nd Roland

2 Treasurers Report:
   Motion to file 1st Marty 2nd Roland
   1. National is now sending emails re: dues, although 30 days behind
   2. Since inception, our investments have averaged a 4.8% rate of return
   3. Brian Waters Financial Advisor Review; Suggested changing some of our investments into funds that are a bit more risky but could offer a greater rate of return.
   4. Mike L will follow up with Ken re: Fund Fees
      Motion to accept Brian Waters Report 1stMarty 2nd Mike S

3. Membership Committee:
   1. We are currently at 38 members. 30 Professional, 5 Emeritus,1 Emerging, 1 Student, 1 Retired
   2. Marty will remain the Membership Chair until June 30th 2017
   3. We should have further discussions re: reaching out to Vocational Schools re: Scholarships and involving instructors
   4. Mike L mentioned Inpro is willing to affiliate with Worcester, but didn’t know how.
   5. Marty proposed $2 for students to join- I think we agreed to not change.
   6. Terri is following an expiring membership in RI, then Steve and Pete will remind that member to join Worcester.
   7. Marty will develop a membership handout card to have at meetings.
   8. Pete has 2 members in his firm who might be interested in joining Worcester.

4. Programs for 2017
   1. April: Nelson Place, cancelled. We have agreed to shift the April Program in the future to a different week to avoid the day after Patriots Day.
   2. May: Cranes- Jobsite Safety and an overview of how Crane requirements are calculated. Worc Cnty Crane….Mike S confirmed with owner Jack Daige . Pizza- Mike, Beer and Soft Drinks- Marty. We should also have baseball flyers available at this event.
   3. June: Braveheart’s Baseball Outing. Ball Park Buffet, including a Box Seat Ticket to the Game. Mike S has secured the June 27th date. We will look at doing something special in memory of Ted during the buffet and/or during the game on the scoreboard. Mike L agreed to print baseball flyers.
   4. July: Golf Outing. July 14th, Roland will revise the Flyer to include both Ted and Mike L Sr’s Picture. We will offer a higher level of sponsorship called The Double Eagle. A $2000 donation will include 2 foursomes, a sign at the $5,000 hole in one hole, 18 signs on the course, an ad in the Newsletter and Terri Bracken will make a banner. We always need more sponsors, golfers and prizes.

6. Academic Outreach:
   1. WPI Fire Program went very well
   2. Good involvement from Fitchburg State and Kyle
   3. Possible UMass Amherst- Mass Timber Bldg. Tour
4. Those originally awarded $500 scholarships will remain at that level, but future awards will rise to $750.
5. We need to get scholarships apps out this week. We should also reach out to Vocational School Instructors re: Scholarships.

7. Newsletter
   1. The Paid Advertiser List is currently 11
   2. A letter was created for advertisers encouraging them to submit an article about their company/product.
   3. All board members still need to submit a bio
   4. Student resumes have been included

8. Chapter Elections
   Steve: President
   Ken Henderson: Vice President
   Mike S: Secretary and will remain Region Director for one more year.
   Roland and Neil were elected as Directors.

9. Engaging Less Active members
   Peter Caruso attended our BOD Meeting this month. Thank you Peter.
   We must continue to focus our efforts on individuals who we can convince to join CSI.

10. Region Event
    1. Region Board Meeting and Leadership Event was held April 21 and 22. Mike Sheehan’s Director Report of the Event is attached.
    2. Marty introduced the new Marketing Admin, Terri Bracken at this month’s Worcester BOD Meeting

11. National Convention
    1. The National Convention will be held in Providence Rhode Island on September 13-16
    2. The Worcester Chapter will discuss, at future meetings, what role we will take at this event. Water Fire was mentioned as a possible activity.

12. Region Awards
    1. Ted Healy, Roland Barrett, Steve Van Dyke and Marty Helly, all received Region awards.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 pm
    Motion to adjourn 1st Neil 2nd Mike S

14. Next Meeting: June 6th, 2017

Respectfully submitted: Michael Sheehan.