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DRAFT Minutes - API Board of Directors Meeting - Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Attendees (14): Northshore - Steve Freeman, James Coronato and Dave Mount. Holiday Inn: Ken Meyers, Barbara Edmonds, John Dribus, Jan Catalano, Peggy Bourgeois, Jahnette deBlanc, Cathy Vaughn Barney Paternostro, Steve Strain, Carlos Guzman, Ben Waring

Ken Meyers

- ♦ **Phone Introductions, welcoming** of new members: Annie Whetsell (not present) and Steve Strain. January Minutes approved.
- ♦ **Website Sponsors** - Working with Ben Waring, began sending emails to past sponsors. Solicited help from board members to check scrolling banner and call on some companies. Just betting back to it since Bart set it up. Needs re-vamping
- ♦ **ENI representation** - any ideas?

Ben Waring

- ♦ Two components to website sponsor solicitation: reinstatement of former businesses and a new expanse of folks.
 - Preach to Houston brethren.
 - GNO area first - take baby steps.
- ♦ Suggested honoring Don Miller for his years working with the Sporting Clay Tournament. Do it at the Volunteer Appreciation dinner and at the Clay Shoot.

Steve Freeman

- ♦ **2008 Meritorious Service Award Luncheon** update. Confirmed date, location and speaker: Tue. March 17, Holiday Inn Superdome, Dean Nicholas Altiero from Tulane University.
 - **Second flyer** - out after Mardi Gras (?)
- ♦ **Technical luncheon speaker** - Carlos' candidate: G. "Shan" Shanmugam (speaker write-up distributed). Ken asked that others submit suggestions for a speaker also.

Jahnette deBlanc / Jan Catalano / Cathy Vaughn

- ♦ **Jahnette - GNOSEF 3/3-5/2009** - Volunteers welcome, **judges needed**, sponsor a table.
- ♦ **Jan - FIRST Robotics - 3/19-20/2009** Judge for website needed (26 websites). Booth? Training needed for judging. Last year shared a table with Desk & Derrick. Distribute t- shirts, Classroom Energy CD's, etc). VIP Luncheon - Barbara Paillet handles invitations - include Ken Meyers. Televised on WYES Ch. 12.
- ♦ **Cathy - GNOSI - STEM Initiative** (create subcommittee to discuss their proposal which Cathy has).
- ♦ **NACE Teachers Science & Math Camp** - \$100 day for 5 days - direct to their school with material cost submittal similar to mini-grant. Ken suggested a NACE article in the newsletter.

John Dribus

- ♦ Northshore (St Tammany Parish) has a **Science Fair** around the same time (supported by SLU-Hammond). GNOSEF has 5 other parishes. We need to support them also (maybe next year).
 - It was suggested to meet as a sub-committee to discuss involvement.

Bob Bailey (not present)

- ♦ **Clay Shoot Tournament** update - 10 teams signed up so far with Barbara Edmonds.
- ♦ **Sponsors to date** - any volunteers to call upon particular companies?

Peggy Bourgeois

- ♦ **Scholarship** application update: began receiving aps and has sorted giving priority to Engineering and G&G curriculum. Scholarship budget increased to \$20,000. Needs volunteers to help review applications.

Cathy Vaughn

- ♦ Report of **Education Committee meeting** of February 4th at BCM offices (**Mini-grants**). Board voted to accept recommendations for six (6) mini-grants. Cathy recommends promoting the process to increase the number of applications for consideration.
- ♦ Report on **Teacher's Excellence Awards** program. A proposal will be in the newsletter.
- ♦ Will coordinate a presentation to the **LCM BOD** for an Energy exhibit, possible society/industry representation on LCM -planning subcommittee. **March 25th will be introductory visit.** Architects are designing the new facility now. Meet with them.
- ♦ **LCM**-have an API Delta visit to LCM to see new video setup. Trying for April.
- ♦ Planning a visit to **St. Bernard Schools** to see new **science labs** in October. Plan on having lunch there. Jan mentioned that SPE donated \$25,000 for the Math Counts.

Richard Rusch

- ♦ **Newsletter** - next one in late March: include NACE flyer on Teacher Science Camp; Meritorious Service Awards Luncheon write-up and photos; GNOSEF (Jahnette); BLAST/FIRST Robotics; FIRST Lego League (Jan attended and will submit photos/article); Charter School article (Cathy); Mini-Grants (Cathy), Sporting Clay entry form and article (Bob Bailey).
- ♦ Plan to advertise in our summer newsletter to announce the 13th Annual GoM Deepwater Technical Symposium for SPE