



Midwest Bat Working Group

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
Annual Meeting
27 March 2018

Attendees:

Joe Kath, President

Al Kurta, Vice President

Brianne Walters, Treasurer

Marne Titchenell, Secretary

Tim Carter

Paul White

Jeremy Sheets

Jocelyn Karsk

Lisa Powers

Kari Kirschbaum

Tim Divoll

Brian Heeringa

Joe Johnson

Maria Monarchino

Tim Catton (absent)

Meeting called to order by Joe Kath at 5:03 PM(EST)

Agenda:

- Welcome new Board members
- Committee Assignments
- Treasurer Report
- Status of OBC funds
- Membership update
- MWBWG website
- Redell award presentation
- 2019 MWBWG Meeting
- Business Meeting Agenda

Action Items:

- **Brianne and Tim will take care of required tax paper work.**
- **Joe will investigate PNC as a possible bank to hold MWBWG funds and confirm it is well distributed throughout the Midwest.**
- **DONE - Paul will change the website username and password and get the contact info for the company so we can confirm payment.**
- **DONE - Find a company and order the Redell Award plaque for Lynn Robbins.**
- **Joe will see if he can extend the 2019 MWBWG Meeting room block through the weekend.**

Welcome New Board Members:

Joe Kath was elected as president, Marne Titchenell was re-elected as secretary, and Al Kurta as vice-president.

Exiting board members: Kari Kirschbaum, Paul White, and Vanessa Rojas (thanks for serving!)

New/Re-elected Board Members: Brian Heeringa, Tim Catton, Joe Johnson, Jeremy Sheets, Lisa Powers, Jocelyn Karsk

New Student Representative: Maria Monarchino will be replacing Joe Divoll.

Treasurers Report

Brianne reported what was spent last year (see attached report). Our current dues account is \$9062.86, which does not include current dues from this meeting. So far we have 15 paid

members, which is very low. Joe will address this at tomorrow's business meeting. This account usually pays for membership swag, which we did not due this year. The board approved a second travel award this year for undergrad students, but only one was awarded this year and all applicants were graduate students. The travel award winner was Maria Monarchino.

The registration account is currently at \$2600.13, which is used to for annual meetings. SBDN is handling 2018 meeting expenses so this number shouldn't change.

OBC Update

OBC was holding \$37,000 for this meeting, which we were informed was spent. To date they have returned \$32,000. The addition \$5000 will be acquired through an auction. OBC is no longer in existence – it was broken into many pieces, taken by various organizations.

Non-profit Status and Finances

We need to change our address with non-profit status, as Rob has resigned. The new address should be that of the president or the treasurer. Brianne and Tim will take care of required tax paper work. The address will be ISU Bat Center's address. Brianne asked if we should move our funds to a bank account. It was agreed that we should. Only the president can set up the account and the secretary can be added on after, but both must be present to sign papers or present in a bank branch at the same time. Joe will investigate PNC as a possibility and make sure they are well distributed throughout the Midwest.

Membership Update

We need to reevaluate the dues received so far, so no update at this time.

Website

Our current website was managed/maintained by OBC. We pay for the domain - Dreamsite is \$120/ year and the domain name is \$13 per year. Paul will change the username and password and get the contact info for the company so we can confirm payment. Brian Herringa said he would take the lead on the website committee, Megan Martin and Jeremy Sheets will also help.

Dave Redell and Student Travel Award Presentation

We do not have the award plaque, as it wasn't ordered. We need to find a new company closer to ISU as Rob always ordered from a company near him. Brianne will find a company and get it recreated. Lynn Robbins is not here, but Joe will read the nomination letter during the Business meeting. The Student Travel Award will also be presented at the Business meeting (to Maria Monarchino).

By-Law Changes/Officer Elections

The membership must vote on the decision to elect only board members and allow the board to elect officers from the board members. If the membership votes in favor of this change, the bylaws will need to be changed. Tim will reword the bylaws and present them to the membership for a vote at the business meeting tomorrow. Officer will remain at 2-year terms with the president and treasurer elections occurring on odd years with the secretary and vice president. The student rep will not be considered as a possible officer, however that is not explicitly stated in the bylaws. Tim made motion for the board to approve the above changes, second by Jeremy, all approved, motion passed.

Committee Assignments

Annual Meeting – Brianne Walters, Tim Carter, Joe Kath, Lisa Powers

Nominations & Elections – Al Kurta, Jeremy Sheets

Awards – Marne Titchenell, Joe Johnson, Jocelyn Karsk

History/Bylaws - Brian Heeringa, Katrina Schultes

Website – Megan Martin, Brian Heeringa, Jeremy Sheets

Membership – Brianne Walters, Marne Titchenell, Tim Catton, Maria Monarchino

Next Year's MWBWG Meeting

The dates are April 4-5, 2019 @ Fields Museum, Chicago, Illinois. We are not being charged for anything but the food, and will have the main theater hall for our use. The hotel is the Travel Lodge in downtown Chicago - \$130 per night (60 doubles, Wed-Friday night). Joe will see if he can extend the room block through the weekend. Hotel is a 6-7 min walk from museum. Parking is available at hotel for \$30-40 per night. There will be limited free parking at the Field Museum but not sure how many spots. Possible field trip at the Shed is in the works.

Meeting adjourned by Joe Kath at 6:36 pm EST.

2018 MWBWG TREASURER'S REPORT – ROANOKE, VA - **MARCH 2018**

DUES ACCOUNT

Current Dues Account Balance: \$9,062.86

2009 Dues: \$1,025.00

2010 Dues: \$1,625.00

2011 Dues: \$1,132.62

2012 Dues: \$1,185.00

2013 Dues: \$1,145.00

2014 Dues: \$2,200.00

2015 Dues: \$1,455.00

2016 Dues: \$2,445.00

2017 Dues: \$2,346.00

2018 Dues: ? Will update after I receive the funds from SBDN.

Money Spent in 2017/2018 (since last ting):

\$533.35 – Website annual fee and domain registration and website maintenance

\$578.53 – 2018 Student Awards (poster, presentation, and travel)

\$20.00 – Non-profit fee

? – Dave Redell Award

No 2018 member swag

REGISTRATION ACCOUNT

Current Registration Account Balance: \$2,600.13

Meeting Sponsorships:

2009: Total \$2,000

2010: Total \$2,000

2011: Total \$2,500

2012: Total \$2,400

2013: Total \$2,000
2014: Total \$3,100
2015: Total \$14,176 (Joint Meeting)
2016: Total \$10,600
2017: Total \$9,300
2018: Total \$24,000 (Joint Meeting)

SBDN is handling the 2018 meeting expenses.

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10th Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Roanoke, Virginia

26 March 2018

Called to order at 9:03 am EST by Joe Kath, President.

Committee and Bylaw Updates

Membership Update – Last year we had 160 people at our meeting. We currently have 25 members paid, please pay your dues! Last year we had 114 members paid at the conference.

Treasurer Report – as over this meeting our current dues account is...What we spent last year. We are now registered as a non-profit, but there are fees associated with that. Our registration account hold \$2600.13. Each year we do well obtaining meeting sponsorships, in the past few years we have raised \$9000.

Awards Committee Update:

Redell Lifetime achievement award given to Lynn Robins.

Student travel award given to Maria Monarchino.

Board of Directors Update:

Officers -

Joe Kath – president

Brianne Walters - Treasurer

Al Kurta – Vice president

Marne Titchenell – Secretary

Board members: Joe Kath, Brianne Walters, Al Kurta, Marne Titchenell, Tim Cater, Jocelyn Karsk, Tim Catton, Jeremy Sheets, Lisa Powers, Brian Heeringa, Joe Johnson, Maria Monarchino (new student representative).

Bylaw Update: We have made some adjustments to our bylaws, to simplify things. The will elect the board and board will elect officers from the board. In order for these adjustments we need 2/3 majority of members to approve this. Vote passed.

Next MWBWG 2019 Meeting: Chicago, IL, April

The Business Meeting concluded with state reports from IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, and WI.

Meeting concluded @ 9:56 am EST by Joe Kath.