



American Society of Sanitary Engineering
South Florida Chapter
Minutes
General membership meeting
April 18, 2011

The general membership meeting convened on April 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at United Service Training Corp., 2201 N. Andrews Avenue, Suite 101, Pompano Beach, Florida, 33069.

Present

Board Members

President – Patrick Murray
Treasurer – Michael Hadley
Immediate Past President – Jim Bickford
Brian Callahan
Bernie Federella
John Wilde

Members

James Bailey
Pedro Dominguez
Alan Good
Malee Hosbach
Daniel Rourke
Frederick Schilling
Charles Schilling

Other attendees

Michelle Iberg

New Business

1. *Addition of Board Member (Bernie Federella)*

Discussion: Patrick Murray introduced Bernie Federella as the newest Board Member.

2. *Need for Hospitality Committee*

Discussion: Patrick Murray asked for anyone to volunteer to head up the Hospitality Committee for gathering food for meetings and getting it to the meeting.

Old Business

1. *Sale of the ASSE house*

Discussion: Patrick announced that sale of the ASSE for \$103,000 has fallen through. The buyers backed out; the house is now back up for sale. The Realtor claims to have other

prospective buyers. Daniel Rourke asked how the Board arrived at the decision to sell the house; Patrick explained it was a result of four months difficult conversations between Board members.

2. *Attendees and ASSE membership*

Discussion: Patrick Murray asked that everyone please recruit for better attendance. Mike asked everyone to please RSVP.

3. *Contributions*

Discussion: Bernie Federella asked that Patrick talk about the new contribution concept as discussed within the Board Meeting. Patrick Murray thus announced that the new vote was for members to give a general contribution rather than a \$5 charge. He also explained that it is difficult to pay for the food without some kind of income. Frederick Schilling expressed that he thought it would be a reasonable request, especially on evenings when there is food. Jim Bickford explained that at the Board Meeting the members discussed still asking for donations, just removing the dollar amount from the request. Mike Hadley explained that it costs \$150 on any given night and \$300 for nights when CEUs are provided. Brian Callahan asked why he should be expected to pay \$5 when he already pays dues.

Discussion: Fundraising was suggested as a money-raising option. The problems were addressed included: creating the initial committee, getting people involved, keeping people motivated, and finding people to chair and lead the program(s). This conversation led back to the contributions as they are now – to leave the contribution bucket out and see how much money is generated.

Discussion: Meeting sponsors were also considered as a possible fundraising tool.

4. *Upcoming Meetings*

Discussion: Mike Hadley announced that the May meeting will feature an Inspector panel, June will feature Doug Harvey speaking on Code updates, and July, August, and September will feature the 5 mandatory CEU credits for contractors, split in such a way that is to be determined. The Plumbing Contractors will pay \$25 for nights CEUs are offered.

Closing Remarks

Mike Hadley complimented the association for its growth and asked that everyone remained positive.

Jim Bickford announced that the international ASSE meeting is coming up in Cleveland and he will report back to the membership thereafter.

Patrick Murray reiterated that the organization has the potential to thrive but that part of his concern is not having young people coming to the meetings. He expressed that his goal is to get the organization ready for the next generation. He asked that people please call him as he is open for suggestions.

Having no further business, the **meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.;** seconded and so carried.