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Minutes  
Annual Section Meeting  
Tradewinds  
St Pete Beach, Florida  
October 13, 2016

Meeting was called to order by section President Evatz at 12:08 PM. President Evatz welcomed the FL Section members and attendees of the 2016 Florida Section Conference and Certification school.

Section officers introduced themselves.

Officers present President Tyson Evatz; Past President /Delegate Don Fullerton; Alt. Delegate Joe Molinaro; 1<sup>st</sup> VP Matt Weisman; 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mike Berens; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ken Baldwin; Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Bryan and Section Certification Chairman, Gary "Doc" Scheuring.

Secretary-Treasurer Bryan read the minutes of the May 29, 2015 meeting held at ChampionsGate in Orlando. Rick Doll moved to accept the minutes, Matt Weisman seconded, vote taken, motion passed.

Secretary-Treasurer Wayne Bryan gave the financial report.

Certification Chairman, Doc Scheuring wanted to report on the Florida certification statistics but the International office is unable to give the certification numbers for the Florida Section. He was able to find out that there were 849 FL section members. Doc commented on the benefits of membership in the IMSA.

Delegate Molinaro gave the Delegate report. Joe reported that the Council of Delegates had met in Atlanta on August 26th. Joe explained the primary responsibilities of the COD. One item of business was the election of the new board of officers for the 2016-2017 year. He reported on who would fill each position including our very own Tyson Evatz as Director at Large. Tyson received a nice round of applause from the members in attendance. He also reported on the new Chair and Vice Chair of the COD. Joe reported on the status of the Association Management Software (AMS) software upgrade and computer hardware replacement projects at the international office. Joe explained to the members in attendance the benefits this web based software will provide for the members. Joe reported that the COD voted to allow the Great Basin Section to be dissolved and its members integrated into the Rocky Mountain Section. Delegate Joe updated us on the lack of traction by the Strategic Plan working group to complete any of the 13 initiatives the previous year. It seems the turnover in the Executive Director position at the international office has been the cause of the problem. Joe also reported on the COD and BOO joint meeting. One major outcome of that meeting was the COD would be provided with a copy of the approved budget. There is also discussion to change the tax status of the international and foundation corporations and general financial status of the international corporation. It was also announced that the 2018 international conference would be held in Orlando at the Gaylord Palms.

Tyson gave the Presidents report. He thanked everyone for attending the conference this year. There was a total of 185 attendees which is great considering the hurricane last week. Tyson thanked the section board of officers for their work with the conference.

President Evatz discussed the AMS project as well. He also reported that the international office did not receive any damage when the hurricane came through Rockledge last week.

Nomination Committee Chairmen Don Fullerton gave the report of the nomination committee. There were no letters of intent to run for Section offices of President, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Alternate Delegate. Tyson explained that the board voted to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> VP to the board to help with membership and certifications. Tyson appointed Mike Berens to fill the position until next election cycle. President. President Evatz called for a motion (Wayne) second (Joe) and vote by the members in attendance and the vote was favorable. The vote was followed by a swearing in ceremony of Alt Delegate, President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Under new business from the floor. Rick Doll thanked the board for all the work putting the section conference. He also noted since he was recently retired, he would be willing to help us anyway he can. He also followed up on his suggestion last year for the ability to look up certification status online. Tyson responded that the AMS software would eventually provide that functionality.

There was also discussion about certifications in the Dominican Republic.

Details for next year's meeting has not been worked out yet.

There was a motion by Kenny to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike, the vote was favorable.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryan, Secretary-Treasurer