

**PALICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,
June 8, 2024 - SER Equipment Brockway, PA**



Members Present: Ron Roncaglione, Dan Micsky, Barry Mutzabaugh Jr., Brenda Reigle, Chris Deeb

Absent: Chris Moore, Steve Latimer, Justin Hoover, Richard G Cottrell, David Cottrell

Others Present: Joanie Micsky, Lawrence Micsky, Nancy Micsky, Nick Micsky

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call was taken.
 - Motion to approve minutes made by Barry Mutzabaugh Jr., seconded by Ron Roncaglione, all were in favor, motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Joanie supplied everyone with the year-end financials to show the balances for PALICA. Questions were asked and answered. The motion to approve the finances was made by Ron Roncaglione, and seconded by Chris Deeb, all were in favor, motion was carried.
- **President's Report** - Barry Mutzabaugh informed us we will wait on doing a raffle until we get more info.
- Ag Progress Days - with the Board's approval he'd like to share a location with Charlie Barkman who is offering to man the booths all 3 days of the event and put out info and hang banners to keep PALICA at the show without having to figure out how to staff it all 3 days as well as saving on travel and lodging expenses for those who do man the booth. There will also be a third party sharing the cost of the lot registration but PALICA will be the featured name in the programs and online.
- **Chairman's Report** - Dan thanked SER for hosting this meeting, for the tour of their facility, for featuring PALICA on their live broadcast in the parking lot, and for the lunch they provided to those in attendance.
- **Executive Directors Report** – Joanie shared her activity since the Convention in
The following was reported:
- Membership Directories were published and mailed out in early May. The Spring newsletter went to online only publications except for the 7 members who opted to still receive a hard copy. The savings will be substantial as far as printing and postage each quarter.
 - The website addition of taking credit cards has been very beneficial especially during convention time when members and associates both used it to pay their registration fees.
 - Working on regional mailing lists for events.
 - Membership is at 108. Joanie attended the Iowa UFG event in April to receive the annual educational check as well as listen to speakers from UFG regarding the insurance program and that the focus is on PA due to the great opportunity to grow the program and grow the membership of PALICA. It will take time but agencies and agents are being informed and trained currently.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship was presented to Wyatt Foster who was 1 of 2 winners for the \$1,000.00 PALICA Scholarship in 2024. Wyatt thanked everyone for the scholarship and explained that he will be attending St. Francis University for Computer Game Programming in the fall. The 2nd scholarship will be awarded at the summer picnic in August.

Legislative: Brenda Reigle gave a report on several items that pertain to the LICA contractors.

- \$41M in EPA grants are available.
- Tax cuts for payroll income tax and energy fees to give more people money in their paychecks and pay less on their energy bills.
- The restriction on hand-held devices has passed the house and is moving to the senate and has a good chance of passing. Brenda suggested employers put a cell phone policy in place for their employees due to this law that will be enforced.

On-Site Report:

- Dan reported that at the summer convention in Pittsburgh in July they will be hosting a discussion on airration systems with members from other states and chapters to discuss the differences and similarities in their work. It's an open dialog forum that has proven successful in this committee this past winter convention in Virginia Beach as they had 12 members in attendance and all engaged and appreciated the conversation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- The 811 show in Wilkes Barre was attended by the National LICA group - no new members were obtained from the show however.
- It was discussed and voted on to move Dan Micsky into the Chairman's position so that he can run the board meetings.
- There will be DOT event again this year at LCTI in September - Joanie working on finishing up the final details. Brenda Reigle has supplied a great listing of potential new members who will be invited to the event to learn more about PALICA. UFG will be sponsoring the event as well.
- Joanie asked for input into the 2025 convention and speakers as well as how it will be structured. It was decided to keep the board meeting on Thursday night along with the pizza dinner, the classes on Friday (4 will be the maximum) as well as Associates Night/Auction on Friday night, the Annual meeting will take place on Saturday morning to end the convention as very few stayed this year following the meeting and the lunch meal couldn't be cancelled so we had to pay for that still. Brenda will help get Joanie contact names along with speaking to different organizations to invite them to the 2025 convention. Workforce development along with Votechs and LCTI will be invited.
- We will look at the By-laws at the next meeting to make changes to the role of Associate Members on the PALICA board of directors. Joanie will mail a copy of the current by laws to everyone along with the agenda and minutes for the summer picnic meeting in August so they have a chance to review them and make suggestions.
- Motion was made to split the Ag Progress Day registration with Charlie Barkman by Ron Roncaglione, seconded by Barry Mutzabaugh, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn came at 12:40 pm by Brenda Reigle seconded by Dan Micsky, all were in favor. Next meeting will be held at the Summer Picnic at Justin & Cathy Hoover's home in Harrisburg on June 3, 2024.