

High Twelve International, Inc.
88th Annual Convention
Pre-Convention Meeting
Thursday, 25 June 2009
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the President the First Vice President, Monty McMinn, called the Executive/Governing Board meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The invocation was given by the International Chaplain, Jim Satterthwaite. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Sgt. at Arms, Ercil Eschbach.

ROLL CALL

Jerry Saville, International Secretary called the roll of International Officers and State Officers and a Quorum was declared.

INTRODUCTIONS

Monty called for introductions from everyone in the room

MINUTES:

The 13-15 Nov 2008 Mid Year Conference Minutes held in Ft Worth, Texas was approved as presented.

A copy of the 20-22 June 2008 Convention Minutes, approved at the Nov 2008 conference, was distributed to the membership.

2009 CONVENTION AGENDA

The agenda for this Convention was distributed to the membership.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

International President: The President did not submit a report.

The reports are in the book for the International First VP, Monty McMinn, International Second VP, Robert Smith, International Third VP, Mervyn

Harris, International Secretary, Jerry Saville and International General Counsel, Bob David.

A motion was made to accept the committee reports. M/S/P.

The Treasurer, Ralph Clemmer, submitted no report for the book but verbally presented a report regarding the withdrawals from the Wally Fund. The General Counsel stated that he was never contacted to approve any withdrawals. Ralph stated that the withdrawals were approved by the President. After a lengthy discussion, the board stated that this discussion should carry over to the General Assembly tomorrow.

Loyd Smith was asked to give a report on the Endowment Fund: Loyd gave a very detailed report on the Endowment Fund and explained the withdrawal of \$4k from each of the four accounts. This discussion will also continue at the General Assembly tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS: Regarding the two resolutions submitted at the mid-year conference:

Resolution 2009-1 to incrementally, over the next succeeding three years, to increase the Per-Capita assessment by \$1.50 each year. After some discussion a motion was made to amend the resolution to read a one-time increase of \$1.50 only and present this to the General Assembly tomorrow. M/S/P.

Resolution 2009-2 to amend the by-laws that the International Secretary is elected instead of appointed. The Arizona State Association and PIP Don White withdrew this resolution.

NEW BUSINESS: Ralph presented the 2009-2010 budget followed by a lengthy discussion. The Acting President, Monty McMinn, called for a separate working group to prepare the budget for presentation to the General Assembly.

PIP Ross Van Ness Bayer made the report of the nominating Committee as follows:

For President: Monty McMinn (TX) , First VP and Robert Davis (TN),
General Counsel.

For 1Vp: Robert Smith (MI)

For 2VP: Mervyn Harris (FL)

For 3VP: Sid Leluan (AZ) and Nick Weisinger (IL)

Treasurer: David Jacobs (NJ) and Donald L Galway (MI).
For Endowment: Loyd Smith (TX) and Don Whistler (PA) – Note: Don was appointed by George Tucker last year to fill, and complete the term, of a trustee position who resigned. Don, who is completing an appointed position, need to be elected tomorrow according to the by laws.

The subject of electronic e/mail proxy votes was placed on the floor for discussion. The General Counsel stated that e/mail is an acceptable business practice now but an electronic signature should be considered in the future. The primary discussion centered on the proxy e/mail votes submitted within the States and not so much the UK and Japan. There was also some discussion on the color of paper but the by laws do not specify a paper “color”. After the discussion hour, the acting President ruled the e/mail votes valid and acceptable.

Benediction:

Jim Satterthwaite, International Chaplain, gave the Benediction.

The meeting of the Executive/Governing Board adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Saville
International Secretary