

Agenda for the April 28, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. (PST) BPSA General Meeting

Presided Over: Lizette Solares

Taken By: Yesenia Navarro

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Attendees: Lizette Solares (via Teams), James Robertson, Gabriel Gonzalez, Jr., Yesenia Navarro, Zirivan Mohammad, Dalila Lira, BD Cash, Alan Mills, Joe Gutierrez

Location: La Bella Pizza Restaurant – 373 3rd Ave Chula Vista, CA

Approval of February Minutes: Approved

Go over etiquette and rules for meeting.

- 6:00 p.m. – Members convene
- 6:30 p.m. – Meeting start
- After meeting, social hour to get to know other members.

Vice President's Report:

- 685 members 04/25/22
 - Audit conducted in March resulted in adjusted numbers from duplicate and alternate names.
 - Memberships: Deactivated 10, added 28 with a total of 685 members.

Treasurer's Report:

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| • Current Balance | \$100,130.60 |
| • Expenditures – LDF member fees, meetings | \$50,325.37 |

Secretary Report: NTR

Old Business:

Hazardous Duty Lawsuit:

- The law firm wanted a bigger pool of people to pull off – they wanted people who held different positions to see the pool of how COVID affected them.
- Motion it to push it for a vote later. Clarification of who will be included in the vote. **We tabled it for another meeting.**
 - Q: Are retired members still part of the litigation? Tabled for another meeting.
 - Q: How many volunteers do we have from across the sectors? What are they volunteering for? Tabled for another meeting.

Appointment of Sgt. of Arms:

Zirivan Mohammad was appointed for the Sgt. of Arms position; he possesses prior union experience and will be great to have him as an addition to the BPSA Executive Board.

New Business:

Online meeting platform:

- Using MS Teams as a trial. This has not been motioned. If we like Teams, then can send members a link. Members will need to get the private Teams account. Do NOT use Government computers. Note: Received quotes for Zoom platform and monthly expense.
- Email etiquette
- Email the password – Secretary will send an email on how to download the online platform.

2022 Scholarship

- We are seeking volunteers to help with the committee – former participant who is volunteering.
- Agent BD Cash will support with coordinating the judging committee
- Application due date: 6/30/2022
- The purpose of the scholarship is for higher education (acceptance letter-discussed dollars,
- BPSA Primary purposes is legal defense fund, how much can we donate to the scholarship fund this year was discussed.
- In 2021, the BPSA funded \$20K Scholarship funds due to the scholarship not being awarded in 2020.
- Motion made to open the scholarship: higher education, middle school, and elementary, to vary awards to a greater population. Motion denied.
- Same prompt as last year - multi-media project
- Launch May 4, 2022 – June 30, 2022
- Gabe motion for the amount: \$1,500 x 10 (Yesenia second the motion)
- Items voted on: amount, age group, and date range for open enrollment

Christmas Party:

- Need a budget from Gabe (treasurer); will need to add décor and mirror what was done for 2021
- December 2, 2022 -Marina Village, San Diego, CA
- Sent out invites in September for event. There were 80 people last year.
- Goal of 150 Guests for 2022; earlier ticket sales and relaxed COVID restrictions should help bring in larger interest.

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Retirements and Membership Inquiries/FAQs

- If someone is retiring, as a courtesy a gift card is awarded. In the past, an 100 dollar gift card was given to the retiree or an item that cost the same. Plaques were awarded. The awards were contingent on the BPSA being notified of the retirement. Discussion on whether to award \$50 or \$100
- Last year, bottles (beverage) were given to those who mentioned they were retiring.
- Reminder to send out their retirement notification to the usbpsasecretary@gmail.com
- Executive members would usually get a larger amount when retiring due to the volunteer work invested; this has not been the case in the previous years.

- Missed some people who retired (i.e., Chief Rodney Scott – big supporter of the BPSA). How do we reach out to these previous members if personal emails were not provided? Working on this outreach aspect.

FAQs:

- Association is not a union
- Provide LDF via PORAC
- 24/7 contact line for PORAC – if they call and give a name, they will look you up. Some members are asking for the cards (request key for the
- Increase of \$15 by PP11
- Major executive board members are volunteers. BPSA is run by volunteers. Consider being a volunteer
- Requesting volunteers for lawsuit
- Looking for someone on the tech side
- Have email distro list for non-members and now Honorary members.
 - We are working on having a process in place to ensure that we message a retired email list so they can receive announcements.

Meeting ends 7:47 p.m. (PST). Next scheduled General Board meeting **June 29, 2022**

If you have any inquiries or received this message in error, please email the usbpsasecretary@gmail.com.