



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE
Wednesday, February 14, 2007

Members/Attendees participating:

Chair, M. Simmons, R. Hirsch, W. Burnette, L. Moss, S. Hopkins (Recording Secretary)

Minutes

I. WELCOME

- Chair, M. Simmons, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and affirmed that the meeting would be conducted to comply with the Committee's antitrust policy.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- R. Hirsch motioned to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2007, Executive Committee teleconference. It was seconded by W. Burnette. Unanimously approved.

III. SPRING MEETING DISCUSSION

- **Site Inspection.** Prior to this teleconference, S. Hopkins sent CD's of her York, Pennsylvania, site inspection to the Executive Committee for their review. S. Hopkins reported that only two of the toured hotels met the criteria as a venue for the Spring meeting: The Sheraton - Four Points Hotel and the Yorktowne Hotel. Both hotels were comparable with regard to the room rate, (\$109 per night), and the food and beverage prices. She was pleased that both hotels offered meeting spaces that were actual rooms, versus air wall dividers, which isn't as soundproof. She felt that the only drawback to the Sheraton - Four Points Hotel is that their restaurant is only open for breakfast and lunch, which may be an inconvenience for spouses attending the meeting. The drawback to the Yorktowne Hotel is the \$6 per day parking fee; However, she felt that the ambiance at the Yorktowne Hotel, as well as it being located in the historic district, was an incentive. There are many things within walking distance to the hotel for the RWMA guests who may attend.

The Committee voted unanimously that the Spring meeting would be held at the Yorktowne Hotel. S. Hopkins will work on securing a signed contract this week, and promote the meeting immediately following.

Site tour. S. Hopkins reported that she also visited the Harley Davidson plant and met with Bob McElroy, Tour Manager. She felt that the members will enjoy touring the plant. She mentioned that Harley Davidson is currently on strike, but hopes that things will be resolved by the Spring meeting. She will keep the Committee informed.

Speaker. R. Hirsch is working on securing a Speaker for the Spring meeting. He is contacting the Chamber of Commerce, as well as local Universities, and the local Section. He welcomed any other suggestions from the Committee on additional prospects. R. Hirsch was reminded that there is a \$500 maximum stipend for the Speaker as well as the Thursday evening dinner and that evening's lodging, if required. R. Hirsch hopes to have more information by February 20th or 21st, and will keep us informed.

IV. "BRAINSTORMING" MEETING

“Brainstorming” Meeting. Chair, M. Simmons reiterated the purpose of the upcoming March 14th, “brainstorming” meeting in Chicago, Illinois. He put together a description which was sent to all the Executive Committee members previously. *(Copy attached)* The main goal is to find out what RWMA can offer in order to get members to participate. He felt that RWMA can start with a clean slate, and review everything. He feels that the percentage of those members who actually participate has dropped significantly within the last fifteen years.

After contacting individuals from a list provided to the RWMA Executive Committee; the following companies will be in attendance at this March 14th, meeting:

Banner Welder - Bob Kerr or John Blake
CMW Inc. - Mark Gramelspacher
RoMan - Bob Roth
Tec-Option - Bryan Domschot
WTC - Dave Androvich
NGK - Glade Nelson
Sciaky - Mike Cubert

After further discussion, the RWMA Executive Committee decided to continue contacting additional individuals to attend this meeting. L. Moss will contact Electron Beam Technologies, W. Burnette will contact Doug Vietch from Brush Wellman, and R. Hirsch will contact the Luvata Ohio Company. L. Moss will also bring T. Foley, Senior Applications Engineer, from Automation International with him to the meeting.

Chair, M. Simmons will create the agenda for this meeting, and e-mail it to S. Hopkins.

V. RWMA 2007 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

- S. Hopkins reported that copies of the 2007 Membership Directory has been sent to all RWMA members. She has received numerous requests for multiple copies from member companies. These requests have all been filled.

S. Hopkins also reported that the members have been sending compliments about the Directory, as well as the advertisements included.

VI. NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2007, following the adjournment of the “Brainstorming” meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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