

Minutes of P.R.A. Annual Meeting

Meeting Date: *May 18, 2011*

Attendees: Bill Aitken, Bob Bacon, Steve Berry, Walter Byron, Roger Clapp, Doris Harriman, Al Hyland, Dick Gellis, Jim Grunst, Touie Jackson, Edyie Johnson, Lucille Kelley, Bill Rosen, Richard Rosenblatt and Bob Ruckstuhl,

Absent: Beverly Carothers, Florence Jones and Eric Thorgerson

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Grunst called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. at Lantana's in Randolph.

Jim introduced the members of the Board of Directors who were present.

A net figure of **340** people attended the annual spring business and Luncheon meeting.

2. HONORING RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS:

Jim Grunst thanked retiring Board Members Bill Aitken and Al Hyland, each of whom served three, three year terms, for their service to the PRA and presented them with a small gift of appreciation.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Walter Byron reported that the Minutes of the last annual PRA Business Meeting held on May 12, 2010, had been compiled and published. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to accept the minutes of as published and waive their reading at this meeting.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Steve Berry, the Treasurer, made a brief statement of the state of the PRA finances including the amount of cash on hand at the end of 2010.

5. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Walter Byron reported that the accounts of the PRA, both on the revenue and expense sides of the ledger, had been examined and found to be in order.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS:

Bill Aitken reported that all four Board members whose terms expire this month (Bob Bacon, Beverly Carothers, Bill Rosen and Bob Ruckstuhl), but who are eligible to run again for another three year term, have decided to do so. Two additional candidates, Susan McCusker and John Alden Hall, who have expressed a desire to join the Board, have been proposed by the Board and are also on the ballot. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Bill asked for a motion to re - elect the four incumbent Board Members and two proposed candidates by acclamation, which motion was seconded, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

7. DVD SALE: Jim Grunst announced that Bob Ruckstuhl would be in the lobby during the social hour to sell a DVD with the Polaroid commercials that were shown at the 25th Anniversary Luncheon last May, Dr. Land on "the long walk" through N-1 in 1971, and excerpts from the 50th Anniversary of Polaroid celebration in 1987. These subsequently sold out.

8. DRAWING FOR PRIZES: A drawing was held from the members who had submitted "Life After Polaroid" stories to the Newsletter in the past year. The winner was Herbert S. Mingace who won the \$100 prize. This was followed by a drawing for the \$100 Grand Prize which was won by Bill Cunningham.

9. SPEAKER: Walter Byron introduced our Speaker, Tim Mahoney, Manuscript Librarian of the Historical Collections, Baker Library, Harvard Business School, who gave a presentation of the history of the acquisition of the Polaroid business archives, the sorting and cataloguing of their contents, their soon to be availability for scholarly access, and several examples of the materials they contain. Tim's presentation was followed by a Question and Answer period.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The Annual Business Meeting was adjourned by Jim Grunst after the election and before the speaker. After the speaker finished his presentation and Q & A session, approximately 11:00 a.m., members moved to the lobby area for more socialization, after which lunch was served and the balance of the prizes for \$50, for batches of 10 \$1 Scratch Tickets, for bottles of wine and for tickets to a future Luncheon were drawn by raffle ticket and awarded. The names of the winners will appear in the July Newsletter. In closing the Luncheon, Jim announced the fall Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 19th, where the speaker will be Dr. Florian Kaps, head of *The Impossible Project*.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Byron, Secretary.