

**TUCSON PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 2009**

The Board meeting of Tucson Professional Organizers was called to order at 9:30am on Monday April 12, 2010 at Mimi's by MaryLynn St.Germaine.

PRESENT:

Jill Janis, MaryLynn St.Germaine, Nannette Palmer, Sue Zepeda, Janet Munson, Jennifer Phelps, Carolyn Sanger, Ori Parnaby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Nannette moved to approve March 2009 minutes., Jennifer seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY (Jill):

Reminder to Board members - the June meeting is on the 1st Monday (June 8) and not the 2nd Monday as usual.

Wants to encourage all members to meet with each other outside of meetings, to get to know each other better. Will bring it up at next General meeting. All agreed this is a good idea.

TREASURER (Carolyn):

Current Treasurer's report handed out to members.
Balance in T-PrO account as of 3/31/2010 - \$1,506.40

Some new members had their 2010 dues individually pro-rated based on when they joined in 2009. Discussion of need to standardize this for the future.

Discussion of where to hold September General meeting, which cannot be at Ronald McDonald house as usual.

MEMBERSHIP (Janet):

Welcome to Janet, new Membership Chair! She will work with Nannette (Publicity Chair) to get the word out about our meetings. She requests all Board members give her any information they have, contact people, etc. Ori will be sending all related files to Janet. MaryLynn will get some T-PrO business cards to Janet:

Following on discussion about pro-rated dues, MaryLynn moved that the Bylaws be changed to reflect a more consistent way of pro-rating the dues for people who join after July (basically, \$10.50 per month). Sue seconded the motion.

All members will be held accountable for attendance at seven out of ten meetings per year. After three missed sessions a warning will be given.

PUBLICITY (Nannette):

Wonders if we should contact the big employers in town: Davis Monthan, Raytheon, IBM, Intuit, etc. Can get info on biggest employees in Tucson from Book of Lists published by Inside Tucson Business.

Discussion of how to handle promoting of one’s own business vs. promoting T-PrO, when dealing with our own contacts. All agreed that there’s nothing wrong with marketing yourself at every opportunity! We each should have “rack cards” for handing out when a generic card is needed.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (JENNIFER):

Requests current membership list so can begin acting as liaison between General membership and Board.

Current membership list is available for (members’ only) viewing on our website.

PRESIDENT-ELECT (Ori):

Upcoming General Meetings

Discussion of ideas for speakers:

- hoarding therapist Michael Pesce, Lee Phelps
- AD(H)D therapist Dr. Gaus
- Research specialist Ann Knight, listenresearch.com
- Marketing specialist Stephanie Rising
- Wardrobe consultant Monica Negri (Dress for Success)

- April Round-table discussion - Generating business during the recession
- May Speaker - needed
- June Round-table discussion - needed
- July no meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Post-Tax Shredathon

Shredathon Chair: Jennifer (helped by Nannette)

Discussion of possible date in May.

May be with Savers’ other charitable beneficiary (other than Big Brothers Big Sisters which we already gave to).

Will try to get Bobby Rich from MIX-FM.

Possible location: Savers at Ina & Thornydale.

Website Updates

Sue, as liaison with Michelle Diaz, will make sure website is updated so that Membership link is now to Janet.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am by MaryLynn.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Monday June 10, 2010 at 9:30am at Mimi’s

REMINDER:

DATES OF ALL MEETINGS IN 2010

BOARD

January 11✓
February 8✓
March 8✓
April 12✓
May 10
June 7 (note - 1st Monday)
July (no meeting)
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December (no meeting)

GENERAL

January 19✓
February 16✓
March 16✓
April 20
May 18
June 15
July (no meeting)
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December (party / date & location
to be announced)

Board meetings are at Mimi's Cafe at Oracle and Limberlost at 9:30am, unless otherwise announced.

General meetings are at Ronald McDonald House at 5:00pm, unless otherwise announced.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Jill Janis, Secretary