

INTERNATIONAL COMANCHE SOCIETY, INC.
Minutes for the
New Board Meeting - August 30, 2011
Marriott Riverfront Hotel, Plaza Room, Savannah, Georgia

Zach Grant, ICS President, called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M. on Saturday, September 3, 2011, in the Plaza meeting room of the Marriott Riverfront Hotel at Savannah, Georgia.

1. Roll Call

Zach asked Secretary Peggy Harmon to conduct the roll call of all Board members.

Officers:

President	Zach Grant
Vice President	Bob Cretney
Secretary	Peggy Harmon
Treasurer	Pat Donovan
Past President	Bernie Mazurek
CFF President	Lorne Harmon (non-voting)

Tribe Chiefs/Tribe Representatives:

Tribe Chief/SE	Patti Littwin
Tribe Chief/NE	Pete Morse
Tribe Rep/NC	Dave Fitzgerald
Tribe Rep/SW	Scott Myers
Tribe Rep/NW	Don Nelson

Absent:

Tribe Chief/MS	Lester J. Breckenridge
Tribe Rep/SC	Tim Talley
Tribe Chief/WCan	Dean Harvey
Tribe Chief/ECan	Stewart Campbell
Tribe Chief/Eur	Barry Taylor*
Tribe Chief/SAfrica	Russell Knowles
Tribe Chief/Aust	Ian Thomson

*Monica Rehkopf chosen later as Tribe Rep.

ICS Member Guests: Henry Spellman (NC), George J. Gratton (SE); Friedrich Rehkopf (EU), Monica Rehkopf (EU), Skip Dykema (SE), Charles Littwin (SE), Alan Burrows (EU), and Bob Williams (NC).

Quorum: Eleven Board members were present, and Zach Grant declared a quorum with ten (10) voting members present.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

Zach Grant called for a motion to accept the Agenda as published.

Motion: Don Nelson made a motion that the agenda as published be accepted; Bernie Mazurek seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

3. Introduction of Officers, Board Members and Guests

Zach Grant asked for the introductions around the room.

4. President's Opening Remarks

Zach Grant welcomed everyone, and said he is looking forward to a great year, with both new and old faces. He said historically the New Board Meeting has been a mere formality to setting up the Fall Board Meeting (FBM). The main points of his remarks:

1) We will undertake things this year that move us further into the information age--already begun with electronic voting, and we're looking to putting together iPad and Android apps and a Facebook page for communications. We have a perceived problem in ICS that stems from lack of communication, and we don't sell ourselves to our members very well. At present, you have to go to the web site to get information, which pilots are slow to do. People don't seek out information that they don't even know they need, so we want to get our information in a "push" format so they get it over and over. He asked for comments on this initiative and/or constructive criticism with a better way to do it. Some comments and/or questions/answers were:

- What kind of information push--we already have email? Answer: Information that needs to be instant, i.e., "Webco exonerated", and we will not be constantly "blasting" the members.
- What about the web site having a link to our own tribe page and to other tribes' pages? Answer: Good idea, but it all goes back to "centralized command and control" standardization.
- We have three mediums at present, Flyer, web site and email (although not used enough), do we need a fourth? Answer: Our history shows we always try to improve (gave examples), and to add these new mediums will require set up (the most difficult part of the process), with the result being the offer to the membership of other avenues of information.
- Content will be a problem. Answer: Content will be the same on all mediums, but first, let me ask Dave Fitzgerald how many of the current 2,222 members go to the web site on a regular basis. Dave's answer: In any given year, only 1,360 people (60%) go to the web site, and in an average month, only 60 to 80 members, and they're the same people all the time that do so. In general, people don't use the web site.

After much discussion, Zach did a recap of same: Everyone agrees to the use of more

email blasts, and there is mixed opinion as to the value of pursuing anything that looks at the iPad or Facebook form of communication. He explained the method of a "push" type iPad app--user simply signs on, the latest information pops up. Several members reminded him that the main concern still is the content, and he agreed.

Zach asked Dave Fitzgerald if, as Communications Chairman, he needs help on implementing this? Dave replied yes, and Scott Myers and Pete Morse volunteered to assist. It was then suggested that they come up with a program, not just an idea, as you don't vote on ideas, but you do vote on programs. Zach said he would be directing them post meeting as to what we will look at during the FBM.

In response to discussion about members that do not have email, Zach commented that we recognize this, and we have to have multiple mediums to get to everyone we can, without pandering to one set of members. After additional discussion on the number of members in Pathfinder that have a registered email address, Zach made the following request: By the FBM, he would like a report from the Communications Committee on how many members have a registered email address and the breakdown of unique users that use the web site between now and then?

OLD BUSINESS

5. Treasurer's Report - As Presented at Old Board Meeting & AGM

Zach Grant called upon Pat Donovan, the new ICS Treasurer, to give this report. Pat said it is the same as the one presented at the Old Board Meeting and General Meeting. He added that we may be re-categorizing some records, based on what we do this year as a Board. Zach called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Bob Cretney made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as reported at the General Meeting; Pete Morse seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Review & Approval of the Standing Rules

Zach Grant asked Don Nelson to speak on this subject. Don said he would go through the Standing Rules and the past meetings and bring them up to date for the FBM. He said one concern is that no one knows what the budget is for this year nor for next year, and thought maybe we should append them to the Standing Rules. Zach Grant asked him to bring them to the FBM, and we'll vote to append them.

7. Committee Chairman Appointments

Zach Grant called for any changes to Committee Chairmen for the upcoming year, so we may confirm them at the FBM.

It was agreed that mandatory changes are: The new Treasurer is automatically head of the Finance Committee, and the President is the new chairman of the Editorial Committee.

Zach said the Technical Resources Committee, which he has been chairman of, has been supplanted by the Air Worthiness Committee, so he feels it should be eliminated.

Historical Chair is open and two possibilities were mentioned by members who will follow up.

Communications Committee: Dave Fitzgerald agreed to continue as chair, with the addition of Pete Morse and Scott Myers as members of the committee. It was suggested that editors of the tribe newsletters be asked to participate. Zach said others may be added to this committee, and he will expect a report at the FBM.

Motion: Don Nelson made a motion that we remove the Technical Resources Committee; Bernie Mazurek seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Finance and Budget Committee - Changed to Pat Donovan.

Nominating Committee - Don Nelson said names for this committee need to be put before the Board and voted on at the FBM.

Bob Cretney began a discussion concerning combining the Communications Committee with the Technical Resources Committee. After a lengthy discussion, everyone agreed and decided the new name should be Communications & Information Technology, and the following motion was made.

Motion: Bob Cretney made a motion that we amend the Communications Committee title to Communications and Information Technology Committee; Patti Littwin seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Zach Grant, as President and Editor-in-Chief of the Comanche Flyer magazine, said since the phrase "ICS Technical Directors" is somewhat confusing, he will be changing the name of this position to "ICS Maintenance Resource Advisors".

Elections Committee - Sally Williams has agreed to remain as Chairperson.

Marketing/Membership Committee - all agreed that since this committee is currently suspended and/or dormant, it needs to be eliminated.

Motion: Pat Donovan made a motion that Marketing/Membership Committee be eliminated from Standing Rule 30.6; Dave Fitzgerald seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Editorial Review Committee - Zach Grant.

Editorial Committee - to stay the same, except remove Dale Vandever's name.

There was discussion on the problem caused by including not only the Committee name, but also the personal name of the Chairperson and committee members. Each time a new person is voted in, the Standing Rules must be amended and voted on by the Board. Hank Spellman gave a history of why this procedure was necessary in the past, but agreed there was no reason, in his opinion, that this could not be changed.

Motion: Pat Donovan made a motion that the list of the names of the Chairpersons and members of all ICS committees be eliminated from Standing Rule 30.6; Pete Morse seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Fleet Airworthiness Committee - Dave Fitzgerald agreed to remain as Chair, and Zach said Hans Neubert would remain unless he says he would like to withdraw.

Annual Convention Committee - Shirley Nelson has agreed to remain as Chair. A reminder was given by Don Nelson that the Treasurer of ICS would be a member of the Convention Committee.

Motion: Pat Donovan made a motion that the Annual Convention Committee be changed to Annual Convention Advisory Committee; Bernie Mazurek seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

7. 2011 Fall BOD Meeting Location

Zach Grant suggested St. Louis, MO, as the site that would be central to most and asked Pat Donovan to make the arrangements. The date decided was Saturday, November 5, to begin at 9:00 CST.

Motion: Patti Littwin made a motion that we hold the Fall Board Meeting at St. Louis, MO, on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 9:00 CST; Lorne Harmon seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

9. Other New Business

Zach Grant asked for any new business and recognized Bob Cretney. Bob said he would like to put his request in the form of a motion.

Motion: Bob Cretney said he would like to move that the Board of Directors establish at the FBM a Professional Standards Committee and have that committee and its purposes entered in the Bylaws for the members to vote on at the General Meeting in Baltimore 2012; Pat Donovan seconded the motion. Zach Grant said he would like to start a discussion on this and note that by entering it into the Bylaws, we have now made that the most powerful position in the organization. Much discussion ensued, and Zach called for a vote.

Motion called: In favor - one; opposed - nine; motion denied.

Motion: Pete Morse made a motion that the President appoint a committee to investigate the need or desire for a Professional Conduct Committee for ICS and that this committee, if formed, bring the results of their findings to the FBM; Bob Cretney seconded the motion. It was asked if Bob Fox wasn't already asked to do just that; Zach responded, yes, therefore he's already on that committee. Zach asked if there was any more discussion, there being none, he called for the vote: Nine votes in favor: one vote against; motion carried.

There being no further business, Zach Grant adjourned the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Harmon
ICS Secretary