

National Chimney Sweep Guild
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2011 – Hartford, CT

President Brooks called the meeting of the National Chimney Sweep Guild Board of Directors to order at 1:02 p.m. Eastern.

Directors Present: Jeremy Biswell, Randy Brooks, Russ Dimmitt, Dennis Dobbs, Bob Fleeer, Phil Mitchell, Mark Maynard, Marge Padgitt, Diane Pilger, Jay Walker, Howard Rowell (ex-officio)

Staff Present: Mark McSweeney, Melissa Heeke, Ashley Eldridge, Candice Bradbury and Art Garrett

Guests Present: Frank Dombrowski, Judd Berg, Michael Dempsey, Steve Pietila, Renee Brigman, Ron Brigman, John Pilger, Jeannie Jacobson, Dan Jacobson, Fred Joy, Edmund Poplawski, Jim Bostaph,

A motion was made by Mark Maynard and seconded by Jeremy Biswell to accept the November 2010 minutes of the National Chimney Sweep Guild. Voting in favor:

President's Report: As submitted by Randy Brooks.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Mark Maynard. A motion was made by Jay Walker and seconded by Dennis Dobbs to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Voting in favor: All in favor.

Executive Director's Report As submitted by Mark McSweeney. He added a few logistical notes on the convention hotel and schedule. He introduced NCSG's new Director of Finance, Candice Bradbury.

Legal Report: As submitted by Art Garrett. McSweeney added an update on recent OSHA fall protection hearings.

A motion was made by Marge Padgitt and seconded by Jay Walker to accept the consent agenda. Voting in favor: All in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business

A motion was made by Diane Pilger and seconded by Phil Mitchell to accept resolution NCSG 03-2010 in honor of the Massachusetts Chimney Sweep Guild's 30th anniversary. Voting in favor: All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jay Walker and seconded by Russ Dimmitt to ratify the online vote to amend the NCSG convention registration policy for directors pertaining to how employees are registered. Voting in favor: All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Russ Dimmitt and seconded by Diane Pilger to ratify the online vote to present the Jack Pixley Lifetime Achievement Award to Jerry Isenhour in recognition of his achievements during his career in the industry. Voting in favor: All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business

A motion was made by Dennis Dobbs and seconded by Bob Fleeer to accept resolution NCSG 2-2011 in honor of Bob Priesing's board service as read by Howard Rowell. Voting in favor: All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Mark Maynard and seconded by Diane Pilger to accept resolution NCSG 1-2011 in honor of Russ Dimmitt's board service as read by Mark Maynard. Voting in favor: All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jay Walker and seconded by Dennis Dobbs to accept resolution NCSG 3-2011 in honor of Howard Rowell's board service as read by Jay Walker. Voting in favor: All in favor. Motion carries.

Nomination of Officers

A motion was made by Diane Pilger and seconded by Dennis Dobbs to nominate Jay Walker as President.

A motion was made by Mark Maynard and seconded by Marge Padgitt to nominate Diane Pilger as Vice President.

A motion was made by Jay Walker and second by Dennis Dobbs to nominate Phil Mitchell as Secretary.

A motion was made by Phil Mitchell and seconded by Diane Pilger to nominate Mark Maynard as Treasurer.

Voting in favor of accepting the slate of officers as nominated: All in favor. Motion carries.

Jay Walker addressed the board as its new president. He appointed the new committee chairs for 2011-2012:

Bylaws: Diane Pilger
Convention Site Selection: Diane Pilger
Discussion List Committee: Marge Padgitt
Ethics: Mark Stoner
Finance: Mark Maynard
Governance: Randy Brooks
Government Affairs: Phil Mitchell
International Relations: Victor Imgarten
Long Range Planning: Diane Pilger
Membership: Jeremy Biswell
NFPA 211 Representative: Randy Brooks
NFPA 31 Representative: John Pilger
NFPA 54 Representative: Jim Brewer
Public Awareness Task Force: Marge Padgitt

The next meeting (annual planning meeting) of the National Chimney Sweep Guild will be held at the CSIA Technology Center in Plainfield on May 2-4, 2011.

Judd Berg addressed the board regarding the content of Sweeping magazine.

A motion was made by Bob Fleer and seconded by Edmund Poplawski to adjourn the meeting of the National Chimney Sweep Guild. Voting in favor: All in favor. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. Eastern.