

**ILSTMA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2018**

1. Call to order @ 4:16 p.m.

Attendees: Bill Byron, Vince Cassata, Steve Schiller, Tim Howe, Noel Brusius, Tom Rychlik, & Claudia Michaels. Guest: Don Michaels

2. Approval of meeting minutes: Motion: (Vince Cassata/Tim Howe) to approve April board minutes submitted with correction of Chris Kuehn being in attendance on the phone. **Motion approved Unanimously.**

3. Officer Reports:

Presidents Report: Included in Executive Director's Report – August and included in new business.

Treasurer's Report: As submitted with agenda.

Executive Director's Report: As submitted with agenda.

4. Standing Committees:

Website Committee: Included in Executive Director's Report.

Awards Committee: 2018 Field of the Year - Changes to deadline, application or procedure: New Deadline will be December 31st. Will look at National Guidelines for FOY and update ILSTMA's to match STMA's guidelines, so any organization that would like to apply for both will not have to complete two separate applications. We may also need to update our current application to match those guidelines. Tom offered videoconferencing to the committee to discuss and pick 2018 FOY winner.

5. Other Committee Reports: None

6. Unfinished Business: Hall of Fame location – No Report

7. New Business:

1. Membership dues 2019 – pricing for 2019: After much discussion, the board is considering the following dues for 2019. Professional \$45 and Student \$10.00 and Commercial would be structured as follows: \$75 for login only, \$125 for login and being listed on website, \$175 for login & listing with website link.

Vote tabled to September meeting, so pricing can be considered fully by all board members with any possible feedback from others.

2. Website Sponsorship – structure and amount of website

sponsorships: Website sponsorship of \$500/year, which would include annual membership fee and login, listed on website with link and logo on website home page.

3. Motion: (Vince Cassata/Tom Rychlik) to offer a free 1-year professional membership to Sam Turner, Groundskeeper at Impact Stadium as a thank you for hosting the 2018 ILSTMA Field Day. **Motion Passed Unanimously.** Claudia will notify him of the membership. A thank you letter will also be sent to Impact Field and Village of Rosemont for hosting the 2018 ILSTMA Field Day.

4. Fall Workshop – set date, structure of event & discuss possible

locations: The date preferred would be mid to late October. While Noel was willing to host at the Waukegan Park District, the Lake County Forest Preserve was unable to participate this year. After discussion about possible alternatives, Glenview Park District and The Grove we offered as possible candidates. Tom Rychlik will make calls to both organizations to see if their participation is possible and what dates would be available. If no location is secured within the next two weeks, then no Fall Workshop will be offered this year.

5. Winter Workshop - Finalize date, location, structure of event & start

contacts for possible speakers: We have confirmed the location as Benedictine University and the date is February 20, 2019. There will be additional costs at this location. Food costs are would be at least \$32 per person. Claudia will follow up later this year. 7 speakers candidates were discussed. These include Sarah Martin - STMA President, Chuck Dara - CLC Labs, a professional from Ohio State and Florida, a local Management Speaker, and others. The Legends Panel would again return in 2019. The budget would allow for one paid speaker and expenses only for the other two speakers. The budget was discussed with a possible limit of \$5,000 if possible. Candidates will be contacted to discuss availability and costs.

6. Board Elections for 2019: Looking for candidates who would like to run for the board in 2019. Claudia can post a notice on the website. Dates for consideration are: Deadline to accept candidates - the end of November, an on-line election done in December. Any new board members could then be introduced and seated at the February board meeting. Final dates will be decided at next board meeting.

8. Good of the order:

Announcements & news: None

Adjourn @ 6:05 p.m.