



Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

May 20, 2007

The Board of Regents met this morning at the Newport Masonic Hall with breakfast treats ready and waiting thanks to the Newport OES ladies. The meeting opened at 9:07am. Present were Richard Bowden, Edward King, Eric Kuntz, Walter Macdougall, Donald McDougal, Charles Plummer, David Richardson, Reginald Wing and Regent Chair George Macdougall who called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved with corrections. Eric reported on his health and gave a Treasurer's Report. The expenses accruing to the College were approved for payment. It was agreed that henceforth the Secretary give 'standard' bills to the Treasurer for immediate payment rather than awaiting the next Board meeting, to include reasonable and expected expenses for courses. Should there be some question, Board approval will be sought before payment.

Attending Regents spoke on actions at the recently concluded Grand Lodge Annual Communication with emphasis on those items that directly affect Masonic education. There were recommendations for one person to be appointed to oversee all aspects of the jurisdiction's educational programs. It was noted that the Insurance Committee's proposal had passed.

There was some discussion of the book "The Starfish and The Spider". Two of the Regents had read the book and recommended it very highly. Some Regents disagreed strongly with what they thought the concepts presented in the book however. Your scribe suggests that a budget item for combat helmets and foul weather gear be included if we again try discussing a book without all having read it first.

This being our Annual Meeting, elections were held with Reggie, Eric, Richard, and Steve elected to three year terms as Regents. George announced he would be stepping down as Chairman and that Steve Nichols had agreed to accept the position. Steve being absent, he was quickly elected. George was elected Vice-Chair. Eric and Ed were reelected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Ed reminded all that we need to replace ourselves and that we must look diligently for those motivated and interested in Masonic education.

Following the discussion last month, Reggie Wing distributed a printed and CD copy of the work he was going to use for his course for the College's consideration. Discussion occurred on whether this should be published in conjunction with the Maine Lodge of Research. Regents will review this and make a decision in the near future. Hopefully works by Masonic leaders over the years will be not lost.

Charlie Plummer presented a report of the Management and Control Committee which he had written individually. The report reviewed the original objectives of the College. One issue raised subsequent to the report was the need to make it a priority to make the College more widely known amongst Maine Masons.

The entire course schedule was then discussed with courses, dates, etc. being offered.

Discussion returned to the goals and objectives of the College, the problems of apathy etc. 'Course ownership' was again discussed and Ed agreed to do a white paper on the Creative Commons License concept for consideration. The College as a Speaker's Bureau was floated as an idea and again we discussed certificates for course completion and /or a certificate for courses plus a pin for core course completion.

For announcements, Don noted that Piscataquis Lodge was holding a meeting at the Maine Veteran's Home at 2:00PM today, David spoke of a recent visit he had made, and Eric announced the Maine Lodge of Research Installation of Officers on June 30th in Sullivan at which Charlie would be doing a presentation on leadership.

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The next meeting was scheduled for July 15th at Central Lodge in China. No snow date was set. It was voted to add \$50 to whatever the charge is for our meal at that meeting to partially offset the enormous repast set before us at our previous meeting there. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM with thanks to the Ladies of the Eastern Star for all of their great food!

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. King

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