

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: 12:01 pm

ROLL CALL:

Region President: Margaret Chewning, FCSI CCS

Region Vice President: Mike Lechleitener, CSI

Region Vice President: Gail L. Nagie, CSI CDT

Secretary: John Sweigart, CSI CDT emeritus (late)

Treasurer:

Institute Director: Ray Gaines, FCSI CCS (late)

Academic Programs: open

Awards: Steve Lawrey, CSI CCS

Certification Chair: Steven Weisensale, CSI CCS CCCA (late), Mary Ellen Pfiester, CSI CCCA

Conference: Dave Lorenzini, FCSI CCS

Education: Mary-Ellen Pfiester, CSI CCCA

Electronic Communications: Marc Held

Membership: Mitch Miller (excused)

Nominations:

Planning Chair: Barbe Shaffer, CSI CDT

CHAPTERS:

Allentown- Jon Lattin

Baltimore – Jim Lawless, Marc Held

Blue Ridge --

Central PA – Eric Hardenbrook

Central Virginia - Ray Gaines–

DC Metro – Mary-Ellen Pfiester

Erie-Northwestern- Marshall Fryer

Pennsylvania Railroad - Mike Lechleitener

Philadelphia – Steve Lawrey, Walt Zapor

Pittsburgh – Bill Vernon

Northcentral Penn – Eric Laughrey

Northern Virginia- Dave Lorenzini

Richmond- Winnie Sung (late), Joe Ogelby

Tidewater – Margaret Chewning

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: none

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Margaret reported that she had a lovely time visiting the Northern Virginia Chapter with Barbe.

Elections have started. Do your electronic balloting. I really encourage everyone to vote. Possibly picking up a roster from the Institute from November.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mike Lechleitner: No report but looking forward to seeing everybody in April.

Gail Nagie: No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: John asked if there were additions or corrections to the January 12, 2015 Teleconference minutes as submitted. Hearing none Margaret stated that the minutes are approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report

INSTITUTE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Ray reported that the Institute encourages everyone to vote until March 2, 2015. Also be sure to vote for your Region officers. This will be the last year that Region officers will appear on the Institute ballot. Encourage all your Chapter members to vote. CSI has good leadership and we want it to continue.
Did people receive the February 4th email about the database?
Ray apologized for being late because he was on the phone with Joy Davis from CSI Institute. Share with your Chapter that progress is slow with the Institute in making the system work. You can now join or renew in January, and February.
Registration for certification exams deadline is March 3, 2015.
Registration for CSI Academies is open for San Francisco. Mitch Miller is heading up the program. Winnie said she is attending. She also said that some have signed up and paid but they are not sure everything was processed. Ray said to be patient.
Winnie also said that her company paid her CSI membership in November but the checks have not cleared. Margaret reported that processing is being done for November, and December. Hard copy processing is slow. No terminations will occur due to slow processing.
Ray stated that there will be an Institute Board meeting end of February, and March 1st. If you have questions email Ray?
Margaret reported that at the last Board Teleconference the government certification program task team has been disbanded. This certification put to wayside for the moment. Ray stated that it was a financial decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Academic Affairs: Open

Education/Technical: Mary Ellen Pfiester/Steve Weisensale. Mary-ellen said that she needs to talk to Steve about programs at LOS. Gail has some programs to suggest.

Certification: Steve Weisensale/Mary-ellen Pfiester. Mary-ellen reported that Certification Exam registration deadline is now March 13, 2015. Exam time is March 30 to May 9, 2015. Margaret had a chapter roll call on those having exam preparation courses as follows:
Allentown- Biweekly; Baltimore- Tuesday classes; Blue Ridge- No; Central PA- Yes, with local community college; Central Virginia- unknown; DC Metro- No discussion; Erie-Northwestern- unknown; Northcentral PA- No; Northern Virginia- No, but recommend studying online; Pennsylvania Railroad- No plans; Philadelphia- A five-week course February 12- March 12, 2015; Pittsburgh- No; Richmond- Minimum 10 attendees with Boot Camp, CDT Game at meeting; Tidewater Virginia- a six-week course with IDT Tech.

Membership: Mitch Miller. No report received from him.

Electronic Communications: Margaret reported that Marc agreed but unable to attend last meeting. Margaret and Marc to talk to Dave Miller later this month.

Awards: Steve Lawrey received 23 award nominations. Recipients determined. An email will be sent to Chapter Awards Chairs. Changes are needed to the Awards Guide because dates are not correct. Steve suggested to discuss at LOS since a complaint occurred. One nominee with one electronic file to be submitted for award submission.

Margaret suggested that Steve stay on the committee until LOS, and get a task team together, and make presentation to Board for changes. Red-line an existing document.

Planning/ Operations: Barbe stated that she had no update. Will be visiting in March to check facilities, etc. Margaret said Mary Ellen will join her.

Nominations: Margaret reported elections in progress. Chapters need to complete their officer nominations, and have elections. (Submit list of elected officers to Institute by April 1, 2015)

Conference Oversight: Dave Lorenzini clarified the following: "Institute" not national CSI, and "Region" (conferences, meetings, etc.) not Regional.

Philadelphia: Walt said that an e-blast went out to 1,372 email address. 31% opened the email and the same checked the web pages. Getting an Owner's Panel together with two now, and have three tentative (persons), with a moderator. Registration open soon.

Margaret requested that we encourage chapter members to sign up. (website- www.marc2015.org.)

Baltimore: Meetings held monthly. Seeking sponsors, checking hotel location, and signage. Looking for a keynote speaker The dates are April 8,9, 2016. Negotiating with a hotel.

Pittsburgh: Gail reported that working on planning.

NOVA: Dave said the a meeting is scheduled for negotiations for location 37 months out.

(OLD) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

Voting in progress until March 2, 2015.
Marc, and Dave conference call needed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gail Nagie seconded by Mike Lechleitener.
Margaret thanked all for attending this supposedly short meeting that took longer than expected.

The teleconference meeting adjourned 12:47 pm.

Next teleconference meeting March 9, 2015 at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Sweigart, Secretary

