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Today's meeting was a Business Meeting

There was not a member presentation for today's meeting. The time was reserved for EAGA organization business only. The agenda included a vote on By-Law changes; an election of a new board member; a state-of-the organization report; and a discussion of the web-site access instructions. The group of members that prepared the proposed changes to our By-Laws spent quite a bit of time reviewing, researching, revising, re-reviewing and re-revising again, in order to provide the modifications that were voted on today. The search for applicants to board position elections is also a somewhat involved activity. It would not do justice to the process if we simply report on whether or not the proposed By-Law changes were approved; and it would not properly emphasize the importance of the work, or the applicant, if we just report whether or not someone was elected to our Board of Directors. Not to mention that simply reporting the outcomes would not occupy enough space on this page. Possibly we can create a little suspense if we report the general activity of the morning, and build toward the conclusions. Getting to the room just after 6:30 AM, the usual early arrival guys are already there. They are preparing equipment; laying out documents; wondering out loud whether or not the facility's wireless internet connectivity would cooperate; and conducting random discussions about quite interesting topics or situations that are not really relevant to anything we will be doing today. Over near the buffet, there is an extra table set up today. Maybe that would be a good place to sit. It would be easy to get seconds on the meal without drawing attention. President David is one of the early folks, along with one of his tech gurus that is here to help with the web-site review later on. Fast forward to 6:50AM. There are more, but still not many, members in the room. Wondering if that extra table was necessary, or whether or not there will actually be enough attendees for proper votes on the agenda items. As the clock nears 7:00AM someone must have finally unblocked the access from the parking lot because a steady stream of members are coming in. Food is out, so I will get a bit to eat. Other guys are in line too, but no one is discussing the potential By-Law changes. Wonder if they read the proposed modifications. Proceeding through the food options: Took a nice slice of scrambled eggs; some hash-brown potatoes; a piece of crisp bacon (good work, chef); more crisp bacon since the line is stalled for a minute; a serving of the surprise of the day - chicken fried probably beef, with gravy. Passed on the chili options of red and/or green. A slight look, then pass on the oatmeal. Will leave that for the more health conscious folks. A glass of juice, then sit down. Nice group of guys at my table - but every table can say that. All with very good manners too, since none of them mentioned how much food I had on my plate. Some more discussions among guys at the table, though still none breaching the discussion about By-Laws or election applicants. President David calls the meeting to order now. Pledge of Allegiance and a couple of standard formalities. OK. Now for the By-Law revisions. Jack Zipper took the podium and noted the process used by the revision committee (my term; not Jacks; and probably not their formal title); noting, and thanking, the prominent participants. He detailed each proposed change and the reasoning behind it. There were 7 proposed changes: The addition of wording: clarifying that we are non-partisan and non-sectarian; specifying that member firms must have been in business for at least one year-and allowing for a possible exception for category changes by members in good standing; requiring that applicants be sponsored by a current member in good standing; allowing for director proxies; and 3 "may" replacing "shall". After Dr. Zipper's presentation, there was a motion, and a second, to approve the proposed changes. Oh Oh - a question from the audience. Potential discourse. Turned out that the question was just that. A question, not an objection or commentary. A further query of the participants determined that there were no objections or requirement for further discussion. A vote was called and the proposed changes were passed unanimously. On to the board of director elections. A nominee presented. Rick Reese—Blue Ristra. There were no additional nominations from the floor and Mr. Reese was also unanimously elected to a two year term. Congratulations Rick! Next on the agenda was the review of access to our website. This is where the concern about facility wireless came to fruition. The visual portion of the presentation was sidelined by that cantankerous connectivity, so the verbal portion was limited. David's aforementioned tech guru did save the individual member training segment by using his cell phone as a hot spot to get sufficient connectivity so that those members desiring to get log in instruction could do so. Just remember guys...you do need to know your previously established website credentials; or at least remember your email address. The final matter of business: a state-of-the-organization report by our Executive Director, Mario: EAGA is doing very well financially; The investigation into a tax classification change to a 501c(3) entity continues. There should be a decision from the IRS early in 2018; Our attempt to setup credit card payment via the website has hit a couple of snags, but a different process for credit card payment should be available within the next few weeks; We currently have 104 active members - in addition to a few dedicated Honorary Retired members that regularly attend our meetings. So ultimately the meeting was successfully completed. We have newly revised By-Laws and a very competent addition to our Board. We are on the right track and are continuing to progress in a very positive direction. By the way...that extra table was definitely needed today. Good planning, Mario. Thank you gentlemen for the great attendance and participation in our group (not only today, but throughout the year). We are all looking forward to more great days and an excellent 2018.

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Business Leads:

None written down today

Reciprocity:

None Noted today.

Take the time to leave a Shout Out, and/or review the 'Shout Out' section of our web site to see commentary and tributes left by other members

President Dave's Tech Tip of the Week:

Don't rely on unreliable internet connectivity at a meeting venue; and make sure that you have a competent tech person on hand for Plan B action.

◆ Welcome to our newest member:

American Linen & Uniform Supply Company

Category: Linen and Uniform Supply

Representative: Eric Berger

- ◆ Congratulations to Rick Reese on his election to our Board of Directors. We appreciate his willingness to help guide our organization for the next two years.
- ◆ Thank you to Phil Houser who will be leaving the Board when his term expires at the end of the year. Phil has been a great participant and contributor to our continued growth and success.
- ◆ There will be a Board of Director meeting right after breakfast on Tuesday, December 12th.
- ◆ Don't forget that this coming Tuesday is "Leave a card; take a card" day. Swap cards with another member via the collection bowl and arrange to meet that member for quality one-on-one discussion to get to know each other better.
- ◆ Second announcement of a potential new member:
John Thompson Consulting, Inc.
Representative: John Thompson
Category: Lobbying, Consulting and Government Affairs
Sponsor: Adam Tafoya

If you have an objection to this company becoming a member, or if you have information that you feel should be considered during the review process, please contact Membership Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper (jdzipper@comcast.net or 505-259-5959) as soon as possible.

Badge Board Greeters

Dec 12th	Robert Biernacki—Waterquest Landscaping
Dec 19th	
Dec 26th	NO MEETING - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Jan 2nd	NO MEETING - NEW YEAR HOLIDAY
Jan 9th	

Upcoming Speakers

Dec 12th	Tom Keleher—Keleher & McLeod
Dec 19th	Jeff Sakamoto—Southwest Business Advancement, LLC
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