

Crime Stoppers USA

Minutes of the June 21, 2011

Executive Committee

Present: Scott Abrams, John Lamb, Bob Mooney, Jan Van Houten, Richard Carter, James Chambers, Chris Cameron, Estela Quintanilla
Excused: Elaine Cloyd

The meeting was called to order by K. Scott Abrams at 12:04 PM

CSI/CSUSA 2012 Conference – Scott Abrams

- The committee has been working to identify a location to hold the conference in Las Vegas in 2012. HPN is helping CSUSA receive quotes and sufficient information from the hotels to allow us to make a decision on where to host it. They are putting together a spreadsheet which includes different costs, locations, etc. Scott Abrams wants to make sure if this was financially feasible that is why the data is being gathered. Elaine Cloyd would like to meet face to face with some of the hotels as well as the Las Vegas Program to determine if they will assist us with the conference. John Lamb made a motion that we allow travel for two to Las Vegas to deal with the 2012 conference and Jan Van Houten seconded it. The motion passed.

CSUSA Insurance Products - Agreement Attached – John Lamb

- We are looking to Lockton to help us move forward in offering discounted insurance products to our membership. We will call them as our preferred vendor and there is no cost to CSUSA. John made a motion to approve the agreement and Jan Van Houten seconded it. The motion passed.
- The task of the insurance review will be organized, administered and evaluated by the finance committee. Offering discounted insurance products is one of the most visible member benefits we offer other than Richard Carter's services. A program will have to be a member of CSUSA to get the discount.
- Scott Abrams said that he has had recent conversations with Russ Handley and Russ is frustrated. Russ worked hard over the years on our behalf but for the best interest of CSUSA we had to sever ties, according to Scott.

Minnesota Crime Stoppers – Scott Abrams

- The Minnesota Statewide Meeting is July 20, 2011 and Scott Abrams will be attending. Scott's goal is to pull them all together to see who covers what area and who is doing what in the state. Scott would like to help them establish a state association.

CSUSA Trademark – Richard Carter

- Richard said that Elaine Cloyd's committee will look into the trademark issue further and report back. The deadline though is in September.

NYC Foundation – Scott Abrams

- Peter Price has a relationship with the Crime Stoppers Foundation in NYC led by Greg Roberts. Scott made contact with Greg and will have a conference call with him. Scott would like to share what CSUSA can offer NYC Crime Stoppers and perhaps they can determine how to proceed in a mutually beneficial partnership. Scott will report back about their conversation.

Internal Revenue Service – Scott Abrams

www.IRS.gov (look under Charities)

- The IRS has automatically revoked the tax exempt status of many Crime Stoppers Organizations for not filing their 990N form online. These programs may not know that their tax exempt status have been revoked and now that are not legally eligible to except donations. Scott felt that CSUSA should alert those programs and he will write an article about this for the newsletter.

Crime Stoppers International – Scott Abrams

- After our last discussion about CSI at the June Board Meeting, he received word that there were comments made outside of the meeting expressing disagreement about where CSI is heading with their new business model. Scott was disappointed that the board wasn't more transparent in letting their feelings and thoughts known during the meeting. He was also disappointed on where we are as a board since it appears that an open and honest conversation did not occur when we discussed CSI. Bob Mooney suggested that CSI be on the agenda again when the Board meets again in Michigan. Jan Van Houten said there are a lot of people that don't understand the new CSI business model so Scott said he would go over it again.

Bob Mooney made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Lamb seconded it.