

**League of American Bicyclists  
March 10, 2009 Board meeting  
League Office, Washington, DC**

**Board attendance (existing members):** Gary Brustin, Amanda Eichstaedt, Bill Hoffman, Mike Nix, Bruce Rosar, Eric Swanson, Hans Van Naerssen, Tim Young, Andy Clarke, Harry Brull

**Board attendance (new members):** Rob Sadowsky-replacing Jim Sheehan, John Siemiatoski-replacing John Allen

**Members in attendance:** John Allen

**Staff in attendance:** Lorna Greene, Elizabeth Kiker, Bill Nestor

**Guest:** Curtis Deane of Woodley Lion Consulting

Amanda opened the meeting by noting yesterday's by-law committee discussion was attended by 9/12 of the board members and was a productive discussion. The general consensus was that the concept of Regions was outdated and, in the future, all board members might be considered at-large. A recommended slate would be voted upon by the membership. The use of "preferential voting" would ensure fairness in the results. The Nominations Committee will continue to research the issue.

Hans proposed the full board be prepared to vote upon the change at our June meeting in order to implement at our next election.

Q: Rob – Will there be an opportunity to petition to the board? He voiced concern that a well-organized minority could be elected.

A: Amanda – yes. Eric-Preferential voting prevents that scenario from occurring.

**President's Report**

Summit registration closing in over 600 (30 attending only Safe Routes to School diner)

560-570 represents record attendance

NBDA, Bikes Belong, IMBA helped attract 70-75 bicycle retailers

Sponsorship budget also exceeded

DOT secretary to address plenary session along with three members of Congress

150 bicycle industry members in town concerned about pending legislation regarding lead in children's bicycle wheel brass nipples

Finances – 2008 ended with a 69K surplus

Education seminars are going well

First SRAM grant money received

Hans requested a dashboard report on cash flow

**Andy said first report will be made using March figures.**

Vacation accrual – Figure of 31K noted. Andy reported that this figure is decreasing as staff are requested to use vacation. Rob suggested his organization allowed, with permission, staff to use vacation prior to actual accrual.

Q: Bruce – Do we have data regarding salary costs by program?

A: Andy – We have the data. We will add two positions with SRAM funding, adding to three Trek money positions (BFC, state and local advocacy)

Q: Tim – Thoughts on the development director position?

A; Andy – Next in line after membership director. Elizabeth is creating one or more grant requests/month.

The need is to develop individual giving

Current budget does not include current or second SRAM proposal. If a successful, positions could be filled and membership software acquired.

Membership - Elizabeth is acting membership director. New software being investigated.  
Rob – His organization has a proposal out to develop new software; waiting for funding support.

Programs – Bicycle-friendly Business awards will be announced Wednesday  
Applications for Communities and states due Friday  
Six state legislatures made legal changes based upon Bicycle Friendly States program  
Bill voiced concern over some of the Maryland law changes

Approval of 12/16/08 Board minutes – Motion by Tim; second by Bill – carried unanimously

Recommendation made that the annual meeting begin with the commencement of this board meeting and terminate after Wednesday night's meeting

**Nominations for Executive Committee**

Amanda for Board Chair – nominated by Hans; accepted unanimously  
Hans for Vice Chair – nominated by Harry; accepted unanimously  
Harry for Secretary – nominated by Tim; accepted unanimously  
Eric for Treasurer – nominated by Bill; accepted unanimously  
At-large seat on Executive Council – Gary nominated by Amanda; Tim nominated by Hans  
Tim selected by ballot

Next board meeting at Bike Ed conference in San Jose, CA. Tentative start is dinner on 6/16 and all-day session on 6/17.

Guest speaker and board training – Mr. Curtis Deane spoke to the board about fundraising, particularly individual donors and the board's role in the process

Motion to adjourn – Tim – approved unanimously

Submitted by Harry Brull  
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