

## MI-ABS Monthly Teleconference Call Minutes

August 9, 2020

### **In Attendance:**

- Jeff Crouch President
- Victor Marques, Secretary/Acting Treasurer
- Robert Vice-President
- Steven Crouch, Intern
- Rachel Pavone, Member

### **Old Business:**

- Robert motioned to accept July meeting minutes as posted to the list-serve and WhatsApp officer group. Rachel second. Passed Unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: Victor cannot provide an update as he is not yet on the account. Jeff said that he would be coordinating with Victor the week of Aug 10-17 to meet and have him sign on to the PNC student division account.
- Robert, Update on Brown Paper Tickets. This was originally the platform to charge admission for fundraiser and manage the showcase of door prizes. We are no longer using this platform due to communication issues and the COVID situation leading to challenges.
- We have 16 door prizes. The original plan was to charge \$5 tickets for the raffle, pull names throughout the weekend.

### **New Business:**

- Idea pitched to Jeff/Victor: recommending a virtual "crab race", 5 leaders from the affiliate to buy be "crabs" and individuals to shares in their favorite "crab" to win the race. The leader with the most shares purchased wins. The person with the most shares purchased also wins a prize. Being virtual, people can contact others anywhere to raise funds.
- Paypal or Venmo used to collect shares. Winning share will be announced at the Banquet. Door prizes to those who participate. Incentive to donate as they can win prizes by buying shares often and early.
- Robert has a door prize list put together already.
- We can charge whatever we decide per share. There is no convention registration, so hopefully participants will be very giving and generous towards this fundraiser.
- Mike Powell and Sabrina to be "crabs". We will work on getting more leaders in our affiliate to volunteer.

- Rachel suggested that we should vote soon so we have time to recruit everyone needed to be “crabs”.
  - Robert agreed that voting should be done sooner than later.
  - Victor will need to create Paypal, Venmo once he is on the account.
  - This fundraiser is a perfect opportunity to publicize the scholarship program, as this is what the money is for.
  - Victor motion, Rachel second to accept Robert’s proposal for the crab race fundraiser. Passed Unanimously.
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- Jeff: congratulations to Robert being elected to NABS board.
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- Scholarship Program: The application is live now, no completed applications but there has been one inquiry.
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- Jeff: apologizes for being absent and having had crazy times, just moved to Kalamazoo. Things are calming down. He will be more attentive to the Student Division and keep on top of things. Appreciates everyone for having patience.
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- Further discussion and planning will go to the officers’ WhatsApp group.

**Adjourned: 7:28 PM**

**Next meeting: September 13 7 PM**