

## MI-ABS Student Division Teleconference

Sep. 13, 2020

### Attendance:

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

Meeting called to order: 7:06 PM

### Old Business:

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- Jeff meeting Victor tomorrow at PNC 1:30 Sep 14 to get him on the bank account.
- No alterations noted to previously published minutes for August teleconference. Motion to accept minutes as posted - Rachel motioned, Steven seconded, unanimous vote.

### New Business:

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- Treasurer's update on our bank balance can come out tomorrow on WhatsApp.
- Victor to set up Paypal.ME, Cash App once bank details are known.
- State Convention: virtual.
- Crab race Fundraiser: bidding system to raise funds, the 5 leaders will campaign, bids are \$5. Bidders to send the \$5 to us in whatever formats we accept payment. The prize goes to the crab who raises the most wins (they win the total they raise). Incentive for individuals: who ever sends in the most shares also wins a prize for themselves. Proceeds benefit scholarship program for next year.
- The five crabs have been selected already amongst NFB of MI leaders.
- We will want to begin this before convention. We want to extend it to about 2 weeks before and have the contest end at banquet.
- The cutoff dates are locked in place, 6:30 PM on banquet Saturday). We want time to tally up before the announcement. Victor to tally daily each crab's total, how much total overall, and individual bidder totals.

- Crabs will take on aliases and those aliases will need to be in the memo line of the payment, along with who the share is to belong to if someone is purchasing for another person

#### Entertainment Event:

- Trivia Night: Rachel and Victor to lead planning of this event for Friday evening
- Robert: this is an event with not a lot of work. We have an excess of door prizes with no physical programming. Turning an additional profit: charge admission to play or sit around and have a chance to win a prize if just observing also.
- We need topics, questions, hosting. There may be much higher numbers due to virtual attendance and no registration fees. This will be open to everyone.
- Rachel to coordinate with Cody Beardsley to see how that works. Look at password protecting the event perhaps or having a waiting room. Do we need extra staff to facilitate the Zoom management? Raise hand to play, maybe? We must differentiate between who paid or who didn't. Rachel to check with Cody. Victor and Rachel to work together, keep Robert in the loop.
- Jeff suggested perhaps that We want to make a profit but don't want people to not show up. \$3 entry beforehand \$5 to enter at the time of the event?
- Robert: likes that if students pay for student division membership, they are automatically entered. Students play, outsiders can pay \$5 as well to play. This then provides a chance to pay \$5 to cover membership, chance at door prizes and a chance to play – all being a good deal.
- Rachel this helps us to make a roster before the business meeting.
- Rachel: can we connect dues to registration? We can connect a \$5 Paypal link to the registration form. J.J. can add the link to the registration form.

#### Rachel: Business Meeting:

- Rachel pointed out that we will need organization to count raised hands, manage muting, count votes, etc.
- Action item: Jeff to help design a Google form to tie to convention registration specific to our division, linked to the main registration and containing links to pay dues.

#### Elections:

- Jeff not wishing to run again, neither will Robert.
- New officers will be required in November, please consider running for leadership.
- Jeff and Robert will mentor.
- All positions are up for voting in November for two-year terms (4 board positions)

Next Meeting: 7 PM 10/11/2020 - Adjourn Meeting: 7:58 PM 09/13/2020