

**ABI Board of Directors Minutes for the Open Meeting  
May 24, 2015**

The 2013-2015 BOD met at the Omni Hotel in Houston. Due to the tornado on Sunday morning, President Hirath Ghori was not able to make the meeting. Vice President Duane Hopple called the meeting to order at 11:05AM. In addition to the rest of the BOD, the following were in attendance: Robin White, DH 59; Michael Simms, AB 78; Ralph Turley, AB 56; Mi Robertson, RT 68; Diana Geerdes, RT 62; Penny Maher, DH 72; Erica Ryrholm, DH 72; Mark Corn, RT 79 and Jeff Neal DH 86.

**Discussion Items:**

- **Ballot:** Melanie Penoyar, Nominations Director, reported that almost 400 votes had been cast and that the results would be announced at the Banquet on Sunday night. The election process and ballot security was explained. For this election, Melanie was the only one with access to the votes. It was suggested that a second person be used to tally the votes and that this person be a non-board member. All paper ballots and reports were and are available for inspection.
- **Database:** There are currently a total of 6,600 in the online Database. This number is consistent with other years. There was a large improvement in the number of ballots returned as undeliverable. Amber Perkins-Neal, Database Director, plans to utilize volunteer help in contacting “missing” Brats, in particular, those with only a phone number.
- **Class Representatives:** Amber and Melanie will be reaching out to the list currently on the website, to see if they are actually still interested in being class reps. With the advent of social media, most classes organize via facebook.
- **2017 Reunion Location:** A few people have expressed interest in chairing the next reunion. The Board will begin the selection process once the current Reunion is wrapped up.
- **Treasurers Report:** The \$50,000 that was moved to an investment account has grown to \$56,000.
- **Outreach to Teachers:** It was suggested that an effort be made again to reach out to teachers. There are currently 68 teachers in the Database.

**Action Items:**

1. Tom Littlejohn will mail printed copies of the financials to Ralph H. Turley.
2. Gina Hess-Tanner will mail a printed copy of the membership to a member who is unable to use electronic devices.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Tanner, Secretary  
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