

Canadian Association of Shrine Temples (C.A.S.T.)

Minutes of Video Conference Meeting

Tuesday August 13, 2019, 3:00 p.m. Eastern

Attendees; Robert Schrader (President), Tunis Shriners, Ottawa, Ontario

David Penny, Philae Shriners, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Lew Rossner, Gizeh Shriners, Burnaby, British Columbia

Ernie Hilliard, Al Azhar Shriners, Calgary, Alberta

Perry McConnell (Sec./Tres.) Tunis Shriners, Ottawa, Ontario

Absent with regrets; Robert Barrett, Mazol Shriners, St. John's, Newfoundland

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Schrader at 3:00 p.m. Eastern

Introduction of new Secretary/Treasurer Perry McConnell.

Review and approval of minutes of July 15th meeting, adopted as circulated, moved by Rossner, seconded by Penny, CARRIED.

Correspondence;

None received

A letter was sent out to all Potentates and Recorders from the President. Another communication will be sent out shortly explaining the "way forward" and a general update from the CAST Executive.

Old Business;

- Review of the Vision and Mission statements, approved on a motion by Rossner, seconded by Penny, CARRIED.
- Bylaws were discussed and it was decided that Schrader would make any necessary changes and then send them out to all the CAST member Temples for review and approval using electronic voting. The discussion on a possible fee increase would be part of the bylaw changes.
- There was a discussion on the transfer of the bank account and all other records from the former Sec/Tres. and setting up a new bank account with the appropriate signing authority as per the bylaws.

- Discussion on the who, what and where of the Canadian Breakfast next year in Kansas City. Sunday morning starting at 7:00 am would be the desired timing. Early in the new year Hilliard will take on the responsibility of contacting Chris Harrison and making the arrangements as necessary and will report back to us with any new information. Schrader will be responsible to invite the Imperial Divan.

New Business;

- It was decided that on a regular basis there should be a report sent out to the CAST members from all the SHC that we are affiliated with across the country. According to the Imperial Directory, the CAST members currently send their patients to Montreal, Boston, Erie, Spokane, Portland, Mexico City and Twin Cities.
- Discussions on the sharing of Fundraising ideas for both the Temple activities and for donations to the SHC. Hilliard to assume responsibility to take on this project and move it forward.
- Membership ideas were discussed and how to share those ideas to increase our numbers across the country. We need a coordinator for this project.
- Imperial Liaison is required to receive and assemble possible amendments to Imperial Bylaws from each of the CAST members for consideration and to bring forward at the Imperial Sessions. A letter is to be sent out to all CAST members requesting a list of concerns and issues.
- Discussion on elections in July 2020, current Executive to stay in place for what period, one year or two, looking for some consistency in membership on Executive. No decision made.
- Outgoing Communications are necessary, “keep it alive” Looking for ways to improve such as a Website and the use of a Facebook page, a stamp project similar to GIZEH or the use of pins to communicate our Association.

Action Items;

1. Bob Schrader to review, make changes and send out bylaws to CAST member Potentates and Recorders.
2. Bob Schrader and Perry McConnell to request bank assets and records and set up new account.
3. Fundraising project to be headed up by Ernie Hilliard
4. Lew Rossner to initiate Imperial Liaison, issues, amendments ideas and send letter to all Potentates and Recorders requesting input.
5. Ernie Hilliard to correspond with Chris Harrison on all aspects of Canadian Breakfast in Kansas City 2020.

Action items cont'd

6. Bob Schrader to contact Imperial Divan with invitation to scheduled Canadian Breakfast.
7. All Exec. Members to provide input to Schrader for next Letter to Temples
8. David Penny to initiate plans for a Website

Adjournment;

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Eastern.

Next meeting to be held by Video Conference Monday, September 16, 2019

PACIFIC TIME 12:00

MOUNTAIN TIME 1:00PM

CENTRAL TIME 2:00PM

EASTERN TIME 3:00PM

MARITIME TIME 4:00PM

NEWFOUNDLAND TIME 4:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Perry McConnell, Secretary/Treasurer