



- A presentation round for the benefit of new board member Kevin Lampe was also conducted.

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- Programs

Mark Podemski

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- There was a discussion about what type of programs SACC Chicago can make into annual events. Here are some suggestions:

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- Annual event in cooperation with the Embassy of Sweden in Washington, such as the E-Health seminar with Swedish Covenant Hospital (this day).

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- A program in connection with the other EU members in connection with the annual EU-day.

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- A Nordic event about the economic situation each year together with the other Nordic Chambers

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- A program a year together with the International Visitors Center of Chicago.

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- The Board also talked about the upcoming programs this spring and early fall:

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- April 29 Networking Event, sponsored by McGuire Woods LLP (law firm). Subject has not been selected yet, but the event is primarily designed for networking among the Scandinavian Chambers..

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- May 6-8 E-days in Seattle, this time as part of the so called Sweden Week

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- May 20, "Happiest People in the World". Seminar together with the Danish Chamber of Commerce and maybe other Nordic Chambers. Event is scheduled for the C-House roof top terrace, possibly with the presence of famous chef Markus Samuelsson.

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- June 4, Golf Outing at Arboretum Club

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- Early September, possibly Jonas Hellman from New York talking about Politics and the Swedish elections.

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- Membership

Mark Podemski/Anna Engström

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- Anna Engström has just accepted to be our new Membership Committee Chairperson. Since membership has declined that is an important position. Previous research indicates that the members are particularly interested in networking to increase their business, which makes it important for all members to recommend fellow members. The task ahead is to

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- Better define memberships contents
- Define the various roles of regional SACC chapters and SACC US
- Find ways of making the network work better for all members

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• Communications Agneta Rosenberg

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- Flash has been published according to schedule and material forwarded to Currents.
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- For the new website, email addresses to Board Members will be added.

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• YPC Mia Bergman

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- Most of the YPC information was dealt with earlier in the meeting, but Mia added the following:

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- A wine tasting was a success March 11.
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- Fado get togethers continue on third Thursdays of the month after each Board Meeting and seem to be growing in popularity – lately about 20 people each time.
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- A brunch is planned together with the Swedish American Museum May 1.
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- Golf outing lessons were introduced last year. Since they were so successful they will be repeated this year.

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• Finances Magnus Waller

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- The finances are well under control with a slightly lower loss than budgeted.

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• Other Mark Podemski

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- The process of finding a successor to Pia Wennerth, who is retiring, is under way. There are candidates already and a committee has been formed to deal with the process. A selection is planned before June 1.

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- Mark closed the meeting at 6.30 p.m. and the program “Strategies for E-Health in Sweden and the US” was started with participation by SACC Chicago, Embassy of Sweden and Sweden Covenant Hospital..
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- At the Notepad
- April 2, 2010
- Kerstin Nicholson
- Secretary