



Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting SACC Chicago

June 28, 2010
Swedish American Museum
5211 N. Clark
Chicago, IL

Present:	Maria Bergman 6/6 Charles Peterson** Anna Engström 5/6 Rita Johnson 3/6 Beata Krakus 4/6	Kerstin Nicholson 5/6 Kevin Lampe 3/6
Absent	Mark Podemski 5/6 Magnus Waller 4/6 Pelle Svensson 3/6 Gordon Goranson 2/6 Jim Runnfeldt **	Agneta Rosenberg 5/6 Gerd Sjögren 3/6 Annette Seaberg 4/6 Tom Thorelli 1/6 Kerstin Lane **
Ex-officio	Gunn Johnsson Emma Ljungquist (intern)	Kerstin Brorsson Johanna Holmberg (intern)

**honorary

Opening of Meeting

Beata Krakus

Beata K. opened the meeting by calling it to order at 5.35 pm. since Mark P. was not present. The minutes from the Board Meeting May 27 were not approved since quorum was not reached. The approval of the minutes will have to wait until the next Board Meeting August 19.

Beata also welcomed our Summer Interns, Emma L. and Johanna H.

Membership

Anna Engström

Anna E. reported that two more individuals, Jan Merdinger and Marcus Israelsson, had become members since the previous Board Meeting.

New materials for membership recruitment are needed and the following is planned:

1. Consulting Malin Henriksson at SACC USA about information to be included from them
2. Anna E will work on the materials with the SACC Office by email from Sweden during the summer holidays.
3. To facilitate recruiting, Board Members wanting them will be provided with SACC business cards by the office. Gunn J. will take care of this.

Communications

Gunn Johnsson

The next issue of Flash is on its way out and the office has been working on the repair on the web site.

Finances

Gunn Johnsson

SACC Chicago Finances continue to be doing fine and not deviating much from the budget. The golf outing was a financial success and results for June are expected to be even better.

YPC

Mia Bergman

Recent programs, Golf Lesson and Midsummer Picnic, have been well attended and successful. New YPC members have been recruited and the Fado monthly meetings continue with good participation.

Programs

Beata Krakus with input from others

Gothenburg Sister City Program

Since the mayor of Gothenburg was visiting Chicago, Agneta Rosenberg, recently elected President (and SACC Chicago Board Member), had arranged a reception, sponsored by Kevin Lampe (also Board Member) at the Swedish American Museum immediately after the Board Meeting.

Pre-election Program

There will be a Program September 9 with participation by Swedish politicians, possibly at the Chicago Cultural Center. Kevin Lampe will arrange and details will follow. Kerstin Brorson took the opportunity to remind us that Swedish Citizens can vote at the Consulate of Sweden August 26 – September 10. It may be possible to arrange voting in connection with this Program.

Crayfish Party

The Crayfish Party this year will be held at Sheridan Shore Yacht Club September 18. YPC is in charge and has already selected a new caterer for the event. There was a discussion about pricing and about including SACC Chicago membership for the remainder of the year in the price for non-members. If possible, the number of drinks included in the price will be limited and extras charged for, although this is not allowed according to the Yacht Club contract.

Happiest People

The Program about the happiest people in the world will be arranged in October together with the Danish American Chamber of Commerce (DACC). A committee consisting of Mark P., Anna E. and Mia B. will be responsible for it from the SACC Chicago side.

Renewable Energy

A Program about Renewable Energy is planned for the fall, date not determined yet. The co-sponsors are:

- Swedish Embassy in Washington
- Swedish Trade Council
- Gothenburg Sister City Committee
- SACC Chicago

SACC Chicago will be responsible for drawing US dignitaries to the Program. SACC can also build on the Cluster Program at Entrepreneurial Days in Gothenburg. Beata K. and Kevin L. are working on this together.

Lucia Luncheon

The SACC office has started working on the traditional Lucia Party, this year to be held at Union League Club December 10. The musical entertainment and the composition of the Lucia Procession have not yet been determined and some discussion ensued.

SACC US

Beata Krakus

Beata K. announced that Gunilla Girardo has given notice but will stay on part time until after the Entrepreneurial Days. The recruitment process for a new Executive Director has just started.

She also mentioned that the Theme for these years Entrepreneurial Days in Gothenburg November 8-10 will be “very green”.

North Park University

Charles Peterson

Charles P. took the opportunity to tell the Board about upcoming events at the University. There will be a Scandinavian month with Drama, a Viking Seminar and Danish gymnasts visiting. The University will also be involved in the American Scandinavian Foundation Jubilee in the spring of 2011.

New Business

Beata Krakus

Negotiations are underway for the ship Gothenburg to visit Chicago Navy Pier in 2013.

Beata K. closed the meeting at 7.00 pm.

At the Notepad
July 11, 2010
Kerstin Nicholson
Secretary