



**Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting  
SACC Chicago**

**May 22, 2010**

Affinia Chicago Hotel  
**C-House rooftop terrace**  
166 East Superior Street,  
**Chicago, IL**

<b>Present</b>	Maria Bergman 5/5 Mark Podemski 5/5 Agneta Rosenberg 5/5 Magnus Waller 4/5 Annette Seaberg 4/5 Kerstin Lane**	Gerd Sjogren 3/5 Pelle Svensson 3/5 Rita Johnson 2/5 Kevin Lampe 2/5 Claes Warnander 3/5 Jim Runnfeldt**
<b>Absent</b>	Anna Engström 4/5 Thomas Thorelli* 1/5 Beata Krakus 3/5	Kerstin Nicholson 4/5 Charles Peterson** Gordon Goranson 2/5
<b>Ex-officio</b>	Pia Wennerth Marcus Gustafsson	Kerstin Brorsson

\*\*honorary

**Opening of Meeting**

Mark Podemski, President

The minutes of the April 29 Board Meeting were approved with the addition of the list of members of the Executive Director selection committee; Mark Podemski, Magnus Waller, Beata Krakus, Kerstin Brorsson and Pia Wennerth.

Gunn Johnsson has been selected for the post thanks to – among other reasons - her extensive professional involvement with the Chicago Swedish-American community. Gunn has previously worked with Scandinavian Airlines, the Swedish Trade Council, and the Swedish Consulate. Her bio will be published in the next Flash issue. Flash will also contain a reminder about the May 27<sup>th</sup> golf lesson.

## **Programs**

Mark Podemski

**June 4 Golf Outing** at Arboretum Club: Anna Engström is in charge and needs several people to help out.

**June 28-29 Reception with Göteborg mayor Annika Hulthén** – the June Board meeting will be moved to this date. Agneta Rosenberg is in charge (as Göteborg Sister City Chair)

**September 8-9 Pre-election commentary** with Jonas Hellman, United Minds (PR-firm), co-hosted by SWEA

**September 18 Crayfish party**, Sheridan Shores Yacht Club

**October Happiest People**, Mia and Mark in charge

**November** Sustainable cities/green houses theme program co-hosted by the Swedish Embassy/Claes Hammar

**Lucia luncheon** at the Union League Club

## **Membership**

Mark Podemski (Anna Engström)

In Anna Engström's absence, Mark called for renewed recruiting efforts.

## **Communications**

Agneta Rosenberg

Agneta reported on the new Chicago and USA web sites. She has also set up a SACC Chicago LinkedIn site, with a Board subgroup. (There was a brief discussion regarding the possible need for a refresher LinkedIn usefulness/user course, without any decision taken.) Agneta brought forward the idea to better cater to new companies and business individuals moving to Chicago through the web site, and to use the site and the LinkedIn groups to improve the constant demand for networking opportunities within SACC.

## **Finances**

Magnus Waller

Members are paying up, and financial results are better than budget (although not up to unofficial targets). SACC bank accounts are being transferred from Merrill Lynch to Fifth Third bank.

## **YPC**

Mia Bergman

Golf outing lessons are scheduled (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m.). YPC members moving away from Chicago are going to Shanghai and Abu Dhabi with the intent to set up new YPC units.

**Other**

Mark Podemski

Mark reported briefly from the recent SACC USA Board meeting during Seattle Edays. The US organization needs to increase member charges by about 15 %. An online directory to replace the annually printed version is being discussed. Access may be for a charge.

The next Edays will take place in Göteborg in November. The upcoming visit of the Göteborg mayor is an opportunity to discuss city support in various forms.

Mark announced he will not seek reelection as SACC Chicago President for 2011.

Kerstin Lane offered invitations to the June 2 Consular Ball.

Pia Wennerth was honored and fondly celebrated for her 15 years of service as SACC Chicago's Executive Director. She was presented an engraved crystal bowl and an iPad.

At the notepad (in the rain and helicopter noise): Gerd Sjogren