



Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting SACC Chicago

October 22, 2009
IKEA Schaumburg
1800 E McConnors
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Present:	Maria Bergman 8/9	Kerstin Nicholson 7/9
	Gordon Goranson 2/9	Mark Podemski 9/9
	Gerd Sjogren 4/9	Pelle Svensson 6/9
	Annette Seaberg 7/9 (proxy)	Jonas Olsson 6/9
	Beata Krakus 8/9	Oscar Berg 5/9 (proxy)
Absent	Rita Johnson * 5/9	Magnus Waller 5/9
	Tom Thorelli 4/9	Agneta Rosenberg 7/9
Non-voting	Hanna Abrahamsson (Intern)	
	Pia Wennerth (Ex. Director)	
	Jim Runnfelt (Honorary)	
Guest:	David Bransfeld	

Opening of Meeting

Mark Podemski, President

Mark Podemski called the meeting to order at 5.35 pm.

Programs

Mark Podemski

Gerd Sjögren presented a program at Slack Barshinger **November 19** with a **Business Marketing** theme. Two speakers have been secured from the company, Rich Dettmer and Jeff Walker, who are experts on the use of digital and social media.

Preparations for the **Lucia Luncheon** on *December 11* at Four Seasons Hotel proceed nicely. Invitations are planned for the first week of November. We are still looking for sponsors, raffle and door prices.

The next Program on the Agenda is the **Green Home** event at IKEA *October 22* immediately after the Board Meeting..

The **Annual Meeting and Trade Show** is set for January 21 at the Swedish American Museum. As the previous two years, the Membership Committee will be responsible.

The **Embassy of Sweden** has offered to provide a speaker for a February meeting.

Entrepreneurial Days will be held in Seattle May 3-5.

Membership

Pia Wennnerth

SKF has become a new corporate member with 5 individuals on the list.

Communications

Pia Wennnerth

The new web site is up and running. We may decide to publish our Minutes only there.

YPC

Mia Bergman

YPC has been quite active recently and among other things extended contacts with Denmark. The regular Fado pub evenings are on schedule and a successful “brännboll” tournament was arranged.

Nominating Committee

Mark Podemski

A formal Nominating Committee for 2010 has not been formed yet. Mark P has asked all present Members if they want to continue and the Board is asked to suggest new candidates.

Other

Mark Podemski

Our office lease is almost up. SAS has excess capacity and a three years lease left. They have expressed an interest in subleasing to SACC. Mark P and Pia W to negotiate.

Mark P and Beata K also reported briefly about SACC US activities. New bylaws are being developed to improve brand control and improve the mix in regional chambers.

The meeting closed at 6.10.

At the Notepad
November 3, 2008
Kerstin Nicholson
Secretary