



International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

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InterAmerican Region Annual Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2013

Grapevine, Texas, USA

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dan O'Brien at 4:35 p.m.

Everyone in attendance was reminded to sign the sign-in sheet copy for attendance roster. A copy of this sign-in sheet accompanies these minutes.

Chair Dan led those assembled in reciting Rotary's 4 Way Test followed by a brief introduction of Rotary Fellowship's and special introductions of our current World Chair, Fred Brenner and Past World Chair, Brian Thiessen.

Our featured guest speaker Mr. Bill Steele, National Director for the BSA Alumni Association & Eagle Scout Association was then introduced. He shared a brochure and informed those in attendance that ~210,000 Alumni have self identified themselves as Scouting Alum. The associations produce a quarterly newsletter with "Feel Good Stories."

Membership benefits include: cell phone ring tone #, lapel pin, retail purchase discount card with selected retailers and window decal.

NESAA offers \$50,000 & \$25,000 Scholarships and 218 scholarships have been awarded to date. Each local Council can receive a local area resident Eagle Scouts Database.

Local Council's are encouraged to hosting Annual Eagle Scout Alumni Association Dinners and the Baltimore Area Council's Annual Dinner was suggested as a model program. We were also encouraged to share our local activities and programs on the National Council website Best Practices Portal.

An Eagle Scout Paper Weight was shared by Chair Dan as a token of our appreciation for Bill taking time to share with the Scouting Rotarian's present.

Dan also encouraged those in attendance to purchase a polio "shot glass" for \$5.00 with 100% of the proceeds going to Rotary's Polio Plus Program.

All were reminded that our most recent Newsletter is available. We should share it with fellow Rotarians and encourage those interested in Scouting to join our fellowship.

Our IFSR National Jamboree Chair encouraged Rotarians to sign up to volunteer to serve at the IFSR Jamboree Booth. Information Brochures will be available to promote IFSR.

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Past World Chair Brian Thiessen reported on an Afghanistan Scout initiative. The Rotary Club of Kabul is spearheading this program. Contact Brian Thiessen for more information on how you can assist.

Brian also shared the Nominating Committee Report

Officer's Nominated:

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It was duly Moved, Seconded and Approved by all in attendance to approve this slate of officers for the 2013 – 2014 Rotary year. Our new Officers were duly sworn in.

Chair Dan adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

