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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SENECALAND DISTRICT  
SUNDAY SEPT 28, 2008**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Senecaland District was called to order by District President Rob Hopkins at 9:04 am on Sunday Sept 28, 2008 at the headquarters hotel Holiday Inn Thruway Syracuse, N.Y. Those present were District President Rob Hopkins; District Executive Vice President, Jim Barickman; District Treasurer, John Howe; District Secretary, Tom Jones; District Board Member- At- Large, Chuck Harter; District Past President, Brian Moore; and Society Board Member, Alan Wile. Absent was District Board Member-at-Large Bob Weekley.

Rob discussed the agenda for the meeting. He noted that the primary goal of the meeting, in addition to approving the minutes of the Board meeting was to address the policy manual. Rob stated that the primary goal of the Board was to discuss and approve Board policy as it relates to the District. He also wants feedback on the House of Delegates meeting which was held Friday 9-26-2008.

After asking for any comments, District President Rob received a motion to approve the Board minutes from Brian Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Jones. The resulting vote was unanimous.

Rob mentioned that there was little discussion of the changes made to the Regulations Manual. The next step will be to send the document to the Governance and Laws Committee and for their review. A cleaned-up version will appear on the District website. The attendance at the House of Delegates meeting was discussed; Board Members determined that it was slightly higher than the past Sunday meetings. The speed at which the meeting progressed was also mentioned. District President Rob said it was acceptable for motions to be made and 2<sup>nd</sup> anonymously, it doesn't matter who specifically makes them. A mention was made about how good it was to have a question and answer time, and how good it was to have the roundtable discussions. Rob's take on the meetings is that a written report doesn't need to be reiterated unless there is a question on that specific report.

The remainder of the operations meeting was working on the 9-28-08 version of the SLD Policy and Procedure Manual.

**ARTICLE I**-Minor wording changes only.

**ARTICLE II-Leadership Academy**-Minor changes include the wording of exactly which classes should be included. Minimum classes will include Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and VP Chapter Development. Also included in the section is the wording for new chapters' Leadership Academy registration being subsidized by the District.

**ARTICLE III**-minimum changes, including the wording of report submissions.

**ARTICLE IV-District finances- Fame Fund - 4.06(3)-**

Changes in payment Fame Fund payouts to competitors: it will be adjusted based on the number of competitors on stage. The payout amount was adjusted slightly to reflect an amount equal to the registration fee to the International convention plus \$25- EAST of the Mississippi River, and \$50 -WEST of the Mississippi River.

ARTICLE IV- DISTRICT FINANCES continued

**Senecaland District Endowment Fund - 4.12(07)-Section I-** Para 1-proposed change concerns the application date being changed to March 1<sup>st</sup> for the following 12 months of the year. Para 2-proposed changes concern budgets and costs for monies requested. Para 3-concerns documentation of money spent and return of any monies not spent. Para. 4-concerns the maximum dollar amount to be given to any one group. Para. 5 addresses the evaluation of funding requests. Para 6- addresses the date the Endowment Fund Committee will notify applicants. Para 7- addresses the possibility of Endowment monies left and actions to disburse same. Para. 8-minor word changes.

**ARTICLE V-Expenses**-minor word changes

**ARTICLE VI-Contests and Conventions**- minor word changes including the District Contest and Convention Manual being subject to the approval of the Board.

**ARTICLE VII-Show Clearance**-minor deletions and rewording

**ARTICLE VIII-District Bulletin**- change frequency from 6 to 4 times annually.

**ARTICLE IX- District directory**- minor word changes

**ARTICLE X- District property**-District Treasurer and District Secretary will compile an up-to-date list of current District property with \$100 or more in value.

The meeting was adjourned by District President Rob Hopkins at 2:04 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Tom Jones, District Secretary