

ABATE OF NYS, INC.  
STATE BOARD PREP MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2009  
BINGHAMTON, NY

Acting President Beth Gorman called the meeting to order at Noon. All stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following present: Acting President, Treasurer, Secretary, Legislative Coordinator, Sgt. @ Arms, Public Relations Coordinator, Region A, Region C, Region D, and Region E.

A Point of Order was called for by Tim Werder. He wanted the State Chapters to vote on the penalty that was imposed on him by the State Board. He was advised to bring this up at the State Chapter Meeting.

**Motion #B62-09** by Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzie to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed and distributed. Unanimous

**Acting President's Report:**

Beth reported that while in attendance at the recent NCOM Conference she had an opportunity to speak with Mitch Proner. Mitch has had a meeting with the lawyers for the State Police Department, Schenectady County and Erie County. Mitch has filed a law suit against these parties because of the 2005 Motorcycle Only road stops.

Beth has booked to speakers for the upcoming State Seminar. One speaker is Violet Lucas from South Carolina; she is a representative of the Sport Bike community. The other speaker is Wayne Wierson from Iowa; he is a representative of the MRF. Wayne has waived his fees as speaker.

**Motion #B63-09** by Beth 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim to pay \$540.00 plane fare, room cost and dinner (\$21.00) for Wayne Wierson to attend and speak at our January 2010 State Seminar. Unanimous

**Motion #B64-09** by Beth 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzi to pay gas charges, room cost and dinner (\$21.00) for Violet Lucas to attend and speak at our January 2010 State Seminar. Unanimous

**Treasurers Report:**

Deb gave the report of our finances to date and the bills that are due.

**Motion #B65-09** by Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to accept the Treasurer's report and pay all bills and pending bills. Unanimous

**Legislative Coordinator's Report:**

George stated that he would save his report until the State Chapter Meeting. He did have one request of the Board though.

**Motion #B66-09** by George 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim to pay \$695.00 for a booth at the Javits Center Show to be manned by Region D Coordinator, Tonya Cruz and Brooklyn Chapter. Unanimous

**Public Relations Coordinator, Region A Coordinator, Region C Coordinator, Region D Coordinator and Region E Coordinator Reports:**

All stated they would give their reports at the State Chapter Meeting.

**Sgt. @ Arms Report:**

Tom brought examples of the sign holders we can pick from. The cost for these holders will be approximately \$200.00. The choice colors are Red, White & Blue or all white. He would like the decision thrown out to the chapters as to what color they would prefer.

**Newsletter Report, State Officer Manager's Report:**

These will be given at the State Chapter meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

By-Laws – Tom reported that the committee will meet at the next State Board meeting in December. He has also suggested that he would like to see some of the members who wrote the current By-Laws be present at the meeting. At least one of the individuals was present (Bill Cox) and he has agreed to come to the next meeting.

Freedom Rally – Ralph will report at the State Chapter meeting.

**Old Business:**

Bids for new CPA firm – Beth read the e-mail from Pete with the quotes that he had received. She also read the recommendations that were given by Pete.

**Motion #B67-09** by Beth 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzi to hire Driemiller as our new CPA for the 2009 fiscal year. The vote was as follows: 9 yes, 1 abstain motion carried.

**New Business:**

Beth brought before the Board a bill received by Onondaga Chapter for the printing of the letter written by Ed Crandall. There was a discussion on this matter and after checking the previous minutes, it was determined that the State Board would take the responsibility for paying the bill.

**Motion #B68-09** by Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to reimburse Onondaga Chapter \$154.00 for printing of letter to chapter members regarding the split of the chapter and the chapter/personality conflicts. Unanimous

At this time there was a discussion about the chapters who were “not in good standing” at the time of Pete’s report. After much discussion and phone calls of the 5 chapters who were not in good standing, there is only one chapter that does not have their financial report in as yet. Therefore, that one chapter will not be able to vote at the State Chapter meeting.

**Motion #B69-09** by Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzi that to prevent further confusion about a Chapter in “good standing”. If they are presenting their financial to the Board, it must be done prior to the voting by the chapters at their State Chapter meeting. Unanimous

**Motion #B70-09** by Beth 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous

The meeting was closed at 12:54pm.

Kathy A. Grasby  
State Secretary