

Annual Meeting Minutes  
Gay Callers Association  
July 5, 2003

I. Opening, Welcome – Seth Levine

The GCA Membership meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. on July 5, 2003, during the IAGSDC convention in San Diego, California.

II. Introduction of Executive Committee Members, etc. – Seth Levine

Executive committee members present:

Seth Levine, President, from Phoenix, Arizona  
Nick Martellacci, Vice President, from Brooklyn, New York  
Peggy Shumway, Secretary, from Concord, California  
Alan Hirsch, Treasurer, from Westcliffe, Colorado  
Brian Keating, IAGSDC alternate delegate, Cleveland, Ohio  
Kris Jensen, Newsletter Editor, from Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Bill Eyler, Newsletter, from Albuquerque, New Mexico

Not present:

Tom Fekete, IAGSDC delegate

III Introduction of members present – Seth Levine

Ron Nelson, Chris Phillips, Bill Eyler, Kris Jensen, Andy Shore, Bear Miller, Alan Hirsch, Howard Richman, Chip Prince, Allan Hurst, D.C. Cronyn, Richard Tuck, Fen Tamanaha, Darren Gallina, Betsy Gotta, Brian Keating, Del Powell, Thomas ?, Gene Lauze, Clara Welch, Barry Clasper, Michael Maltenfort, Chris Phelan, Ett McAtee, Warren Jaquith, Diana Wedel

IV Introduction of Anchors Aweigh committee – Seth Levine

Seth will give a gift on behalf of the GCA to the Anchors Aweigh committee, in appreciation for their support and generosity in scheduling and providing a room for the GCA School, and also the meeting room for this GCA annual meeting

V. Treasury Report – Alan Hirsch

Alan Hirsch reported the checking account balance, the checks payable are to GCA coaches for this year, and the income reported is for the GCA school. There were 16 students at a cost of approximately \$ 170 per student.

Expenses shown are for comparison to last year's GCA school. The \$ 270 is for Callerlab New Caller kits.

VI. Membership Report – Peggy Shumway

There are currently 80 members. The membership data is not in MS Access database. The paper directory will be out to all members by the end of August.

VII. Discussion of Dues – Seth Levine

Due to the absence of publishing costs for a newsletter, the expenses incurred over the past 2 years have been minimal, and a surplus has build up. The discussion was opened by Seth on ways to deal with this surplus. Howard Richman suggested dues of \$ 1 per year for the next year. Andy Shore also pointed out that failure to offer scholarships for GCA school over the past 2 years has also helped the financial situation.

Seth suggested the following ways to use the surplus 1) Newsletter expenses 2) GCA school scholarships 3) Subsidizing GCA school

If a dues change is to be considered, the current dues are \$15/year, by July 15, 2003 the new board needs to decide what the new dues will be. D.C. Cronyn suggested waiting until next year to change dues.

VIII Newsletter Report / Web Page

Pat Push volunteered to serve as newsletter editor for the September/October 2002 but was unable to complete the task.

Kris Jensen volunteered to do the newsletter and to send PDF files to the secretary or someone to print out.

Brian suggested sending out the newsletter via email.

Bill and Kris commented that they have archives that could be converted to electronic format., so might be able to have a "BEST OF" issue.

IX IAGSDC Delegate Report – Brian Keating

The IAGSDC has a new affiliate “All Join Hands Foundation” and a new club “MASS-CONN-FUSION,” there is one club that has dropped from membership – the Rocket City Rainbow Squares. Coverleaves and Maple Leafs have donated \$500 to the GCA. Brian suggested that any GCA members who could to attend the Convention Planning Committee meetings, that a presence at such meeting would help interacting with the committees as planning was developed. It is important to coordinate with the convention planners BEFORE they get the bid, so that possible problems can be worked out before things are “official.” NOTE: in 2007 the convention will NOT be July 4 but Memorial Day. 2009 will be New York and Portland. 2010 will be Chicago.

The Peterson Trust runs out in 5-7 years.

X Callerlab Report – Andy Shore

Andy and Kris were visible as gay callers for the last Callerlab convention.

Callerlab rules for full membership have changed, instead of 50 dances per year, can have called 12 dances per year for 3 years.

XI Callerlab Affiliate membership consideration - Nick Martellacci

This year the GCA school, as in some years past, had a fully accredited Callerlab coach. Should the GCA had been an affiliate member of Callerlab (yearly fee of \$35 for 3 years) we could have obtained equipment insurance, liability insurance, and possibly some subsidy money for the school.

Andy Shore moved, Chip Prince seconded, motion carried that we join Callerlab as an Affiliate member

XII. GCA Badges

XIII. Caller School Report - Nick Martellacci

17 people attended. Coaches: Deborah Carroll-Jones, Andy Shore.

Kris Jensen suggested that there be set times for when human checkers are needed (i.e. when there is mic time, so that people who want to help will not be required to sit around for hours waiting to be of service). Michael Maltenfort agreed.

D.C. Cronyn commented that Puddletown “scholarships” someone and then asks the student to spend a required amount of time calling dances for free in return.

XIV. Scheduling GCA Callers at Convention – Howard Richman

Howard commented that this year, possibly because of the large staff of callers, there were very few available GCA slots, i.e. 9-10 slots vs 18 – 20 in past years.

XV Nominations/Elections for President and Treasurer

The following officers were nominated and elected unanimously for their respective offices. There were no other nominations.

Nick Martellacci as President  
Tim McNamara as Vice President  
Clara Welch as Secretary  
Alan Hirsch as Treasurer  
Brian Keating as IAGSDC Delegate (serving a 2 year term)  
Chip Prince as IAGSDC Delegate (serving a 1 year term)

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XVII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Shumway, Secretary