

TMA Annual Meeting, May 5, 2016

Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale MO

1. Bob Ransom, TMA Board President, called the meeting to order.
2. Paul Meeks, TMA Board Secretary, called roll. Of the total 29 members of the Manufacturing Class, representatives from 17 companies were present. Three representatives of the five Retail/Buyer Class were present. Five representatives of the 14 Professional Services Class members were present. Three of the five Supporting Members were present.

The 2016 roster of members of different classes is as follows:

- a. Manufacturing Class—29 members (includes 4 new members).
 - b. Retail/Buyer Class---5 members.
 - c. Professional Services Class---14 members (includes 3 new members).
 - d. Supporting Members---5 members.
3. Shawn McCormick, TMA Treasurer gave a report of TMA's financial position. 2015 Total Revenues were lower than projected due to a decrease in video royalties and Total Expenses were higher due to legal fees associated with pending litigation. Overall Budget was met with less cash on hand for funding 2016 budget.
 4. Michael Furseth reported on the latest activities of the Standards Committee: Members have recommended that more research is needed before revisions to standards are proposed. ASTM offers the Interlaboratory Study Program to support standard development. John Louk to contact staff manager and report back with details and also estimated costs associated with the program.
 5. John Louk, TMA Executive Director closed out the meeting with his annual report. Some of his notable activities during 2015-2016 includes the following:
 - a. Managed the development and launch of the new website in January prior to the ATA Show.
 - b. Conducted and assisted in 4 training sessions in Mississippi, 2 in Louisiana and 2 in Illinois under Treestand Safety Education and Grant Program funded through the Tom Gallagher Endowment Fund.
 - c. Took part in the investigation and inspection of 2 pending claims in which TMA is named as a defendant.
 - d. Represented TMA in 2 depositions.
 - e. Attended the inaugural meeting of the ASTM Subcommittee F18.08 Treestands in and served as Sub-Chair.
 - f. Scheduled and set the agenda for 3 board meetings.
 - g. John Louk also shared with the membership the proposed Bylaw Amendments. Members would be receiving ballots to approve the Bylaw Amendments in the coming weeks. If the bylaw amendments are approved by a 51% affirmative vote, the new bylaws would become effective immediately. Members would be given until January 1, 2017 to comply. John also reviewed the Use of Trademarks and Logos established by the board earlier this year. The document will be published on the TMA web site. Members can request approved logos through the TMA Office in various formats by email.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Meeks, TMA Board Secretary