

American Knife & Tool Institute

Board of Regents Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2010...7:40 p.m.
Burgundy Room, Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

The Board of Regents meeting of the American Knife & Tool Institute on Monday, January 18, 2010 was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by AKTI President Goldie Russell (A.G. Russell Knives). Regents present: CJ Buck (Buck Knives), Les de Asis (Benchmade), AKTI Vice President Bill Raczkowski (Gerber), Rod Bremer (CRKT), Clint Kadel (United) and Craig Green (Kershaw). Regents Absent: Gil Hibben (Knifemakers Guild)-proxy to Goldie Russell. Others: Peggy Bremer (CRKT), Howard Fox (United) and AKTI Executive Director Jan Billeb.

These minutes are formatted on a per-subject basis, not the chronological discussion.

Meeting Schedules

Goldie Russell proposed that the Board of Regents have Regents only meetings prior to any joint meetings with the Advisory Board.

She stressed the importance of having actual working meetings not around some show event with distractions, recommending two working meetings per year, with one before the Blade Show meeting. It was agreed to arrange a working/strategic planning meeting in April in Denver and one in September, possibly in Portland, OR.

Staffing Needs

Jan Billeb reported that Dan Lawson is willing to fill AKTI's legislative liaison chores on a no fee basis. No action taken, no additional discussion.

Organizational Questions

CJ Buck moved to invite Mike Manrose, Meyerco, to serve as a Board of Regent. Seconded by Bill Raczkowski and motion approved unanimously.

Other organizational questions posed in the agenda were held for discussion at April meeting.

Craig Green moved, Bill Raczkowski seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Billeb
AKTI Executive Director