

Westconn International Trade Association
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
Water's Edge at Giovanni's, Darien, CT

General Business Meeting Minutes

7:00PM - President, George Woods, welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda for the evening.

Salad served.

7:35PM - George introduced our speakers: Lindsey Shellman and Phil Villapiano from Odyssey International. They presented the features of the "Win" transportation management system.

Dinner served.

8:50PM - George opened general business meeting.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors - Acting Secretary, Mark Bishop, announced that the Nominating Committee, chaired by Martha Nevins with Matt Guasco and Ralph Irwin, had submitted the following slate of Officers and Directors to the Board of Directors for approval:

President - George Woods, Cargo Partner Network
Vice -President - Edward Carey, Cellmark Chemical
Secretary - Gail Kedrus, Apex Logistics
Treasurer - Mark Bishop, Norseland, Inc.
Director - Sam Fischel, Prime Transport - Term expiring May 2018.

Mark reported that the slate had been approved by the Board and, since no alternative slate had been presented by the membership for consideration, he cast one vote to elect. Mark offered congratulations to the new officers and directors. Officers are elected for a term of one year. Directors are elected for a term of two years. Mark announced there were two director positions open on the Board of Directors. Any member interested in serving as a director should contact George Woods, or any officer.

Westconn Scholarships - George Woods announced the Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Westconn Walter Urda and Al Rebolledo Memorial Scholarships. Deadline for applications is July 31. Details can be found on the Westconn website.

Program Committee – George Woods previewed the programs for upcoming meetings in September (ACE – speaker Judy Carney, Network Brokers) & November (VGM – speaker Mark Sa from INTTRA). George also said Westconn was working with the Port of New York & New Jersey to conduct a port tour in October.

50/50 Raffle: Winners - George Woods & Renee Blackmon.

Door Prizes: Three door prizes were handed out.

Hard Cover book from Waterman Lines about the history of the U. S. flag steamship company. Two prizes autographed by former Oakland Raiders football star, one of our co-presenters, and a long-time friend of Westconn, Phil Villapiano: a miniature replica of an Oakland Raiders football helmet and an Oakland Raiders commemorative football.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Bishop