

BAGRS Board Meeting – 21 February 2009

11:05 AM meeting called to order. Congratulations to Newly elected Board Members.

New Board members present:

- Present: Don Watters, Russ Miller, Chip Gierhart, Nancy Norris, Ray Turner, Frank Lucas; Jack Verducci
- Present in spirit only: Johannes Hoech

Nominations and agreed-to roles were as follows:

- Don asked for Nominations for Officers and nominated Russ Miller for Vice-President
- Russ nominated Don for President and Chip nominated himself for Treasurer; stated there is too large a learning curve to change that now
- Frank stated that he will be doing Membership
- Ray stated he will be Coordinating Open Houses
- Nancy would like to be in charge of Public Outreach
- Chip and Don told the other Board Members about Johannes and said that he will be helping with the website and analyzing data. Also, since none of the other new board members wanted to be Secretary, Johannes gladly volunteered in absentia ;-)

Other topics:

- There was some talk by Chip and Don of forming a BAGRS division that would be 501C3 along with our existing 501C7. That way we can use the money from Conventions to hold more conventions. Nancy is familiar with the requirements of a 501C3 and will help with the outreach.
- A seed was planted with the new Board Members about a portable trailer Garden Railroad that was a "real" GRR. Nancy already has plans ... Chip would like to know the amount of money she will need to get this going.
- Chip brought up the idea of rotating the location of the Board Meetings, and having them at an Open House was discussed.

The next board meeting will held along with the Live Steamers at the Palo Alto History Museum on April 4th at 10am 'til 12 noon.

Adjourned at 12:05 PM.