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## PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

I have to confess that I was surprised more members didn't have questions about the new member application investigation report that was presented at last month's meeting. In retrospect however, the committee did do an excellent job and the recommended procedures are very comprehensive. I guess that's the explanation. The new procedures will go a long way towards insuring that we don't accept any of the illegal "locksmiths" that are preying on the public into our association. The board is determined to prevent them from gaining false legitimacy by becoming members of GPLA. The new membership application should be up on our website very soon.

One of the reasons that the new application is not yet up is that our webmaster, Orvis Kline, is in the hospital recovering from emergency surgery. He had been feeling poorly for some time and was finally convinced by his son Paul to get it checked out. Good thing and apparently not a minute too soon! We wish Orvis a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back at our meetings in the very near future.

I am pleased to report that the convention committee has selected a theme for this year:

### ***Professional Locksmiths – Protecting the Consumer***

This theme is a direct response to the scammer issue. We have a number of events planned for the convention that will tie into the theme. I don't want to steal his thunder, so I'll let our convention chairman, Sven Hellwig, tell you more about it over the next couple of meetings. I think you will be as impressed as I am.

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## Minutes of 2012 G.P.L.A. March General Membership Meeting

The March 2012 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on March 19, 2012 and was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Cliff Shafer.

The President then introduced the following guests: Mitch Danzig from Fried Bros, Jerry Buckley from Kaba and Matt Manz from Knobs & Knockers Locksmiths.

A demonstration of Kaba-Ilco products was presented by Jerry Buckley.

**Reading of the previous meeting minutes:** After the membership meeting continued at 8:05 PM, a correction to the previous meeting minutes was provided by Joe Reustle indicating that ALOA President Tom Demont will be attending the South Jersey Locksmith Association meeting on Tuesday, March 27 and not February as indicated. A motion was then made by Barry Wilensky to accept the February 2012 General Meeting Minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Reustle and was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** President Shafer stated that the most recent financial report was presented before the Board of Directors and approved at the March meeting.

**Correspondence In:** Nothing to report.

**Correspondence Out:** Orvis Kline stated that letters were issued to those members that had not yet paid their dues for 2012.

**President's Report:** President Cliff Shafer thanked Jimmy Armenakis for arranging the meals at our monthly meetings. Also Shafer stated that Jimmy Armenakis was on a recent news report about the minor damage his shop sustained due to a fire. Shafer stated that the May membership meeting may be moved up one week to accommodate the Kaba-Ilco Truck. And a reminder that the April membership meeting would be held at Michaels 3 Restaurant in Bensalem as a dinner meeting sponsored by Fried Bros.

**By-Laws & Standing Rules:** Committee chair Orvis Kline reported that the Board of Directors passed the adoption of the ALOA Code of Ethics as our Code. Bob Mock stated that the ALOA Code is not copy-righted and the GPLA has permission to use it if we acknowledge its origination. A motion was then made by Orvis Kline to adopt the ALOA Code of Ethics dated September 20, 2009 in its entirety and insert GPLA in place of ALOA with the disclaimer of the name change. A 2<sup>nd</sup> from Barry Wilensky to accept the motion with the caveat to insert GPLA in place of ALOA and was passed unanimously.

Orvis Kline also stated that new By-Laws will be introduced shortly with the completion of the Vetting Committee's new processes. Orvis saluted the committee of Cliff Shafer, Ron Marcinkowski, Ed Fitzgerald, Paul Kline, Bob Mock and Nelson Dayton for their hard work.

**Legislation -NJ:** Ed Fitzgerald stated that there has not been an official announcement as of yet on the reduction of CEUs required for license renewal in 2013 from 36 to 24. He also stated that there is a lack of formal complaints for illegal locksmithing in the State of NJ. Locksmiths should direct all customer issues to the Board of Consumer Affairs.

**Legislation -PA:** Bill Neff stated there was nothing new to report.

**Membership:** Committee Chair Nelson Dayton reported that membership cards will be available at the next meeting using the photos on file unless indicated otherwise.

**Convention:** Chair Sven Hellwig reported that the committee has selected a theme: “*Professional Locksmiths – Protecting the Consumer*” for the convention on October 4-6. He also stated there would be a locksmith forum to discuss illegal locksmiths.

**Vetting/Application Committee:** President Shafer reminded the membership that the electronic version of the Newsletter contained all the newly released documents including the application and requirements for becoming a member of the GPLA. The electronic version of the Newsletter containing the documents could also be found on the GPLA web site.

**Good of the Association:** Al Schulke reported that there are only 5 spaces available in the April 15 Lock By-Pass class sponsored by the Joint Education Committee of the GPLA&ILA at the GPLA HQ.

Bob Mock reminded the association that the SAVTA convention will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC April 30-May 5 and that the ALOA convention will be in Las Vegas, NV July 7-14 at Mandalay Bay.

Orvis Kline reminded the membership that Just Cars will be in Orlando, FL on May 4 & 5.

Bob Mock also added that ELF will be in Florence, Italy next year. Interested parties should review the European Locksmith Federation website for additional information.

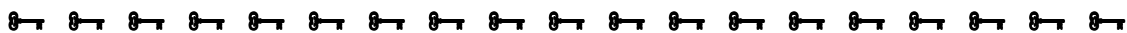
**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** Nothing to report.

**50/50:** The amount of \$68 was won.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Fitzgerald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty Arnold and was carried unanimously at 9:22 PM.

Michael E. Nimmo  
Recording Secretary



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This month’s meeting will feature an abbreviated business meeting to allow for a hands-on program being presented by Carl Rollison of Alarm Lock. As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, the meeting will be held at Michaels III Restaurant in Bensalem, and the complimentary sit-down meal will be hosted by Fried Brothers, Inc. The time and address can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please remember to thank our hosts when you see them. Seating is limited, so hopefully you RSVP’d as soon as you were notified by the phone committee. If not, you should check with Fried Brothers to see if there are any seats left.

Fraternally,

Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML  
President

## Calendar of Events

April 15	Lock By-Pass Class at GPLA Headquarters
April 16	GPLA Membership Dinner Meeting at Michaels III Restaurant
April 30-May 5	SAVTA Convention & Tradeshow
May 4-5	Just Cars training in Orlando, FL
May 7	GPLA Board of Directors Meeting
May 21	GPLA Membership Meeting at Headquarters
June 18	GPLA Membership Meeting at Headquarters
July 7-14	ALOA Convention & Tradeshow
October 4-6	GPLA Convention & Tradeshow

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**NEXT MEETING:  
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 7:30 PM**

DINNER MEETING @ MICHAELS III RESTAURANT  
3340 STREET ROAD  
BENSALEM, PA 19020  
(215) 638-2283

**SCHEDULED PROGRAM:**

**A JOINT PRESENTATION BY  
FRIED BROS & CARL ROLLISON OF ALARM LOCK**

**The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association  
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