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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

Several members have expressed concerns that provisions in our newly amended By-Laws will allow illegal locksmiths – scammers – to more easily become members of GPLA. Previously, as few as only 2 negative votes were required to deny an applicant membership, although an appeal could be made if there were less than 5 negative votes. Five or more negative votes would pre-empt any appeal. This meant that a group representing between 3% and 8% of the membership could essentially veto the desires of the other 92% of the members.

The Board of Directors felt that requiring a 2/3 super-majority (at least 67% to approve an applicant and only 33% to deny an applicant with no provisions for an appeal) was still restrictive enough to insure a healthy vetting process without infringing on the rights of individual members to have their vote count. Most of the membership agreed and the amendment was approved at the March general meeting.

None of us want to allow scammers to become members of GPLA. The vetting process that was approved last year is much more robust and comprehensive than what we used in the past. It should enable the membership committee to identify individuals who may be operating illegally or may be otherwise unsuitable for membership in our association. But the membership committee can only investigate or discover so much and we realize that we might miss something. That is why it is the general membership that ultimately decides whether an applicant is approved, ***not the membership committee or the Board of Directors.***

Regardless of how many votes it takes to approve or deny an applicant, the system only works if you participate in the process. We encourage you to take note of all applicants. Their name must be printed twice in the newsletter and they must attend two meetings where they will be presented to the general membership. They are not permitted to attend the meeting in which their application will be

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Minutes of the March 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The March 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on March 18, 2013 and was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Cliff Shafer.

The President welcomed six guests to the membership meeting: Emeka Okoli, a franchise owner of Pop-A-Lock; Michele Lynch, Haddon Lock; Joey Dalessio, Codelocks; Alan Silverman, Mark Smith, Brad Eshelman, Neff Lock.

A program was then presented by Joey Dalessio of Codelocks and concluded at 8:14 PM.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: A motion was made by Joe Reustle to accept the February 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as printed/emailed in the Newsletter, 2nd by bob Thomas and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: President Cliff Shafer stated that the report was presented to the Board of Directors and unanimously approved. The year-end Profit/Loss Statement for 2012 was in the "Black" for the first time in a number of years largely due to the success of the convention. He also reminded all in attendance that any member in good-standing may have a copy of the financial statement upon request.

Correspondence In & Out: John Williams reported that there was no correspondence.

President's Report: Cliff Shafer corrected his President's message by stating that the Singer Scholarship Fund was created by money that was actually a bequest from the estate of Leonard & Louise Singer. Also, the President informed the membership that the newly formed Connelly – Singer Scholarship Fund of GPLA will award 2 scholarships per year to our convention. To qualify, the applicant must be a member of a local locksmith association and at least one of the winners must be a GPLA member. All Active, Apprentice and Shop Members will qualify for the award.

Convention Committee: Chairman Sven Hellwig reported that the theme of the 2013 Convention will be "Honoring Their Legacies – The Connelly-Singer Scholarship Fund of GPLA."

Newsletter: Editor Mike Nimmo reported that \$110 was saved in the distribution of the Newsletter for the month of March.

Education: Cliff Shafer informed the membership that the GPLA will sponsor a 4-CEU class at the headquarters on ASSA High Security Locks on June 15. Also, a joint venture between the GPLA & the ILA will sponsor an 8-CEU class on Exit Devices on June 9 at the GPLA HQ.

Building: Ron Marcinkowski reported that we are still trying to get the landlord to meet about the parking issue when the GPLA holds a training event during the weekday hours.

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The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association

GPLA is pleased to present a NJ Locksmith Licensing Board Approved 4 CEU Course:
ASSA High Security Locks

Instructor: *Thomas R. Demont, AHC, CAI, CFDI, CFL, CMIL, CML, CPS, ARL*

Date & Time: Saturday, June 15, 2013 - 8 am to Noon

Location: GPLA Headquarters, located at 8014 Craig St. Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

Cost per Person: **GPLA, ILA-DVC, MLANJ and SJLA Members = \$35.00**; Non-Members = \$55.00

Class Description: This class is a must for the security professional of the 21st Century. The areas covered will include the ASSA standard Twin, Twin Exclusive, Twin Pro, and Twin V-10 and Twin Maximum keying systems. Students will become familiar with all aspects of the ASSA keying system and will be able to maintain any ASSA cylinder including mortise, rim, cabinet, desk, IC and utility lock cylinders. The class will also review the new C4 access control audit trail cylinder tied to the ASSA key and introduce ASSA's newest patented system: Maximum+. Upon completion of this class, students will receive a certificate for 4 CEU's toward their 2013 NJ Locksmith License renewal and a certificate from ASSA.

NO TOOLS REQUIRED * NO PREREQUISITES

Information: Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. This class has limited seats available. Light refreshments will be served. **NJ Locksmiths – You MUST bring your license to class to receive credit.**

Go to gpla.org for class or weather cancellation updates, or contact: Cliff Shafer at 609-352-6426.

CUT HERE and RETURN BOTTOM WITH PAYMENT

Name: _____

Company: _____

Contact Phone: _____ NJ Locksmith License # _____

Circle Correct Price: **GPLA, ILA-DVC, MLANJ and SJLA Members = \$35.00** Member# _____

Non-Members = \$55.00 Please make **check** payable to: **GPLA**

Remit registration and payment to: GPLA ASSA Class
c/o CLC Locksmiths
2013 Branch Pike, Unit 5
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077-3044

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Health and Welfare: Cliff Shafer stated that Ed Pfeil, Jr. continues to receive cancer treatments. He also stated that Ed would appreciate any phone calls and words of encouragement as he continues to battle. He can be reached at: 609-790-2381.

By-Laws: Orvis Kline provided an update to the Standing Rules and reviewed the proposed By Law changes to the membership in attendance. Orvis Kline made a motion to accept the proposed amended By Laws to accept as printed in the Newsletter. 2nd by Barry Wilensky. Many members spoke prior to the vote. Only 17 eligible voting members were present. By a vote of 11 to 5, the motion carried as adopted. A second series of votes were held to approve the application of the four Shop Members. All four prospects (Larry Shafer, Thomas Shafer, Robert Neville & Donald Sly) were unanimously accepted, 17-0, for Shop Membership.

Good of the Association: Ron Marcinkowski offered Phillies pre-season tickets for the March 30th game. Orvis Kline reminded the membership about JustCars in Las Vegas on May 3 & 4. Joe Reustle also provided a reminder about SAVTA in Lexington on May 6 thru 11.

50/50: The amount of \$52 was won and various prizes from Jim Handschuh were distributed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dana Barnum, 2nd by Bill Young and was carried unanimously at 10:12 PM.

Michael Nimmo
Recording Secretary



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voted on. If you have information regarding an applicant, it is not only your right but your duty as a GPLA member to bring it to the attention of the general membership. If you are uncomfortable voicing any concerns in front of the membership, then call or send an email to the Vice President, who serves as the membership committee chairman. He will report on the findings of the committee at the meeting prior to calling for the vote on the applicant. I believe that by working together, we can continue to build a strong association that we can all be proud to be members of.

One correction from last month's Presidential Viewpoint. I incorrectly stated that money deposited in the Singer Scholarship fund came from a donation in memory of the late Leonard and Louise Singer. The money actually was a bequest from the estate of the Singers. GPLA was honored to be named in their will and I wanted to set the record straight. I apologize for any confusion.

See you at the April meeting.

Fraternally,
Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML
President



GPLA and ILA-DVC
JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE



is pleased to present

Exit Device Servicing

A NJ Locksmith Licensing Board Approved CEU Course.

Date & Time: Sunday, June 9, 2012 - 8 am to 5 pm

Location: GPLA Headquarters, located at 8014 Craig St. Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

Cost per Person: **GPLA, ILA-DVC, MLANJ and SJLA Members = \$75 :: Non-Members = \$125**

Class Description: Stop giving away work to door companies! This class will cover multiple brands and styles of exit devices. Installation, servicing and troubleshooting techniques will be covered. The pros and cons of rim, mortise, surface and concealed rod installations will be discussed. Related life safety code issues will also be covered. While the class will contain some hands-on servicing, students should be prepared to take copious notes. **NJ locksmiths will receive 8 CEUs.**

Instructors: *John Truempy, CMIL, CRL & Vernon Kelley, CMIL, CPL, CFDI*

Information: Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. This class is *strictly* limited to 30 students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Go to iladvc.org for class or weather cancellation updates, or contact Victor Lewis at 215-298-2073.

NJ Locksmiths – You MUST bring your license to class to receive credit.

Register early to reserve your seat!

CUT HERE and RETURN BOTTOM WITH PAYMENT

Name: _____

Company: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Circle Correct Price: **GPLA, ILA-DVC and SJLA Members = \$75** Member # _____

Non-Members = \$125

Please make **check** payable to: **ILA-DVC**

Remit registration and payment to: ILA-DVC ED Service Class :: PO Box 29103 :: Philadelphia, PA :: 19127



Only 28 more days to Just Cars, Las Vegas!! Register now at www.JustCars.us . Contact Orvis Kline on 610-891-1594 if you have any questions.

If you have information on any event that may benefit the association, please forward it to GPLA Newsletter Editor Mike Nimmo

Members to be voted on at the April meeting:

Harry McCleery	Shop Member	Sponsor: Ed Fitzgerald
William Gannon	Shop Member	Sponsor: Jim Sundstrond
Nicholas Denaro	Shop Member	Sponsor: Dana Barnum
Mark Smith	Shop Member	Sponsor: William Neff
Alan Silverman	Shop Member	Sponsor: William Neff
Steven Shaw	Shop Member	Sponsor: William Neff
Bradley Eshelman	Shop Member	Sponsor: William Neff
Glenn White	Shop Member	Sponsor: William Neff

Calendar of Events

April 15	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
May 3-4	<i>JustCars</i> Convention	Las Vegas, NV
May 6-11	SAVTA Convention & Trade Show	Lexington, KY
May 20	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
June 15	ASSA High Security Locks Class at GPLA HQ	Philadelphia, PA
July 13-20	ALOA International Security Expo	Baltimore, MD

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 7:30 PM

GPLA HEADQUARTERS
8015 CRAIG STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA

SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

John Fontana of Schlage
Connected Home Locks, Schlage Z Wave

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