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Editor*

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New Years Notes January 2018

First off, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. I hope you all had a chance to take a day or two off and enjoy your family and loved ones over the holiday season. Sometimes a day off really give you a chance to reflect and recharge. I wish there were more weeks with days off.

Next, I want to thank the membership and the board of directors for giving me the privilege of serving as your president for the past two years. As you know, GPLA does not run by itself. The work of the board, its committees, officers, and chairmen have driven us to a very successful year. Thank you all.

I want to invite all our members and spouses to our swearing in ceremony on Monday, January 15, 2018 at the Pennsauken Country Club. Dinner is \$20 for members and spouses eat for FREE. Please come out and support the newly elected board and row officers. Business casual dress is appropriate. This is just an opportunity for your association to give a little back to our members.

Please RSVP to Marty Arnold by email, martysr1@mac.com, or telephone, 856-665-0464.

Looking ahead what are your plans for 2018? What do you want to accomplish personally, professionally, financially? Professionally there is always room for you to get involved with your association. How would you like to be GPLA's photographer? How about helping on the audit committee? What about working on our inventory at the HQ? How about house manager? Can you write an article? Look at all these opportunities!!!! Let me know where your interest lies, and we will use your talents to the benefit of all.

Hope to see you for dinner.
Always moving forward.

Your lame duck president,
Barry Wilensky, CRL

Minutes of the November 2017 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The November 2017 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on November 20, 2017 at 7:40 PM.

Sergeant at Arms Bob Thomas lead us off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Barry Wilensky noted that there are no guests.

Program: Paul Kline added that the program for the meeting was supposed to be John Kieffer from Mul-T-Lock, but he did not make it.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Bob Thomas stated that there was a modification to the minutes as published: Orvis Kline replaced Jim Sundstrond as a GPLA board member nominee

A motion by Murray Bilker to accept the minutes as modified with a second by Sven Hellwig and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report. Treasurer Marty Arnold was out and there was not a November board meeting.

Correspondence In & Out: Nothing to report.

President's Report: Barry Wilensky moved to the election and stated that Active members in good standing can vote. Barry asked the Nomination Chair to present the slate.

Nominating Committee: Orvis Kline, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of nominations for Officers which was also presented at the October general meeting:

President:	Paul Kline
Vice President:	John Williams
Recording Secretary:	Gabriel Kanes
Sergeant at Arms:	Jack Magee
Corresponding Secretary:	Maurice Onraet

Barry Wilensky stated that there are no provisions in the by-laws to open the floor to nominations the night of elections.

Murray Bilker motioned to accept the slate as presented with a second by Gabriel Kanes. Ed Fitzgerald wanted to go on record as objecting to the decision not to open the floor to nominations on the night of election as it has been in the past. Orvis Kline stated that the by-laws were changed several years ago to prevent members from having their name added to the slate on election night without having been previously listed in the Newsletter. This was to ensure that members who might have an objection to a nominee be given prior notice, and therefore have the opportunity to be in attendance election night to voice their objection. There was a discussion of the by-laws by the general membership if there can/should be nominations from the floor on election night. There was a motion to table the discussion until the next board meeting.

Orvis Kline, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then presented the following slate for Board of Directors:

Murray Bilker

Sven Hellwig

Mike Nimmo

Orvis Kline

Bob Thomas

Barry Wilensky

Murray Bilker motioned to accept the slate for Board of Directors as presented with a second by Cliff Shafer.

Paper ballots were handed out for both the slate Officers and the slate for Board of Directors. The ballots were officially counted, and the slates were adopted as presented.

Barry Wilensky congratulated all the new Officers and the new Board of Directors and there was a round of applause from all who attended.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Education: Cliff Shafer reported that there should be some classes coming up in March.

Convention: Cliff Shafer stated that there was a post-convention meeting discussing what went well and what can be improved on at the convention and added that the convention was \$4450 in the black. Cliff then thanked all involved in putting the convention together. Cliff then added that next year Sven Hellwig will be the GPLA Convention Chair.

Newsletter: Gabriel Kanen stated that he will be migrating from Microsoft Word to Adobe InDesign for the newsletter adding that this should speed things up.

N.J. Legislation: Ed Fitzgerald stated that there were three settlement letters from the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Board. One recipient was South Jersey CCTV, an Alarm and Access Control company, and one was a locksmith.

P.A. Legislation: Orvis Kline mentioned that the Governor of Pennsylvania is now getting involved in raising the rates of contractor licenses.

Web Site: Murray Bilker stated that by this weekend the web site should be up and running. Barry Wilensky added that everyone is encouraged to review the web site and give feedback.

Bylaws: Barry Wilensky stated the by-laws will be presented to the new Board of Directors. There was a discussion on the floor of the transparency, availability and process of updating the by-laws.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Bob Mock stated that Mary May, Executive Director of ALOA proudly displays the Lee Rognon Award. Bob added that the SAVTA Convention is coming up in Milwaukee and the ALOA convention will be in Maryland.

Health and Welfare: Bob Mock stated that Bob Wagner had some work done to his defibrillator implant and Al Schulke is now in a home and receiving dialysis three times a week. Ron Marcinkowski added that Al is in a nursing home because he needs a little extra care. Ed Fitzgerald stated that Marty Arnold is in the hospital to get his gallbladder removed, adding that the surgery went fine, and Marty is doing well.

Building: Sven Hellwig presented a new welcome mat for the headquarters with a GPLA logo and GPLA colors. Barry Wilensky thanked Sven for ordering the Mat.

Good of the Association: Orvis Kline mentioned that Marty Arnold requested that the chances for winning the Lab pin kits will start in January.

It was agreed on and Barry Wilensky stated that there will not be a December general meeting. Barry then added that the time and place of January installation meeting will be announced.

50/50: The amount of \$48 as well as other various prizes were won.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sven Hellwig and was seconded by Murray Bilker at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Onraet, Recording Secretary

WIN a LAB Color Passport .003 Pinning Kit!!!

Donated by JERRY RORABACK of LAB.

This kit will be awarded at the May 2018 Membership Meeting

How to win: Every GPLA member who attends any of the January, February, March, April or May 2018 General Membership Meetings will receive one raffle ticket for each meeting attended. Members who attend all 5 meetings will receive an additional ***bonus*** ticket. For each ticket, a corresponding stub will be placed in a bin, with one randomly selected at the May meeting to declare the winner. There will be only one winner.

Who is eligible to win: Only GPLA members in good standing are eligible to win. GPLA Officers and Board Members are not eligible to win.

Where/When to win: The more you attend over the next 5 meetings, the greater your chance to win. And ... **you must be present at the May meeting to win.** So come out and support your Association and win!!

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Calendar of Events

Jan 15 th , 2018	Swearing-In Ceremony	Pennsauken, NJ
Feb 19 th , 2018	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
Mar 19 th , 2018	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA

Next Meeting*:

Monday, February 19th

Snacks at 7:15 PM

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

GPLA Headquarters

8015 Craig Street, Philadelphia, PA

Scheduled Program:

TBA

****Swearing-In Ceremony on January 19th***

Don't forget to RSVP ASAP

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