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Members,

It always feels good to be Recognized and Honored in any way for your achievements, your involvement and your dedication to a cause, in this case your Association.

So please pat yourself on the back and feel appreciated as GPLA shows its appreciation to you as loyal members that are at the member appreciation dinner Monday the 20th. If you haven't made reservations yet, call Marty at 856-665-0464 no later that Friday 6/17 Noon.

Everyone deserves to be appreciated so come out and say THANK YOU! to your fellow members. A little THANK YOU! goes along way!

Your President,

Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL

Membership Notes

2 NEW MEMBERS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

Active Membership: Christopher Martin from Hamilton NJ

Applicant is employed by College of NJ. Sponsor: Member #264 Vernon Kelley.

Apprentice Membership: Randolph Carpenter from Florence, NJ.

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Membership Notes

The membership voted to accept Ken Kramer as an Apprentice member. His number will be 305

Retired member #115 Ron Blevins suffered a knee injury with some added complications. We all hope he will be OK soon. His E-mail is <rontanb@comcast.net> I am sure he would like to hear from you.

Below: Arnie Rabinowitz, member # 302, won the LAB pin kit donated by Mr. George Bertram and Mr. Tom Martucci from LAB . Arnie, and all Members thank you very much for your support to GPLA.



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Minutes of the May, 2022 GPLA General Membership Meeting

A GPLA General Membership meeting was held on May 16, 2022 at GPLA headquarters. There were 13 members in attendance and constitutes a quorum per the Bylaws after the previous (April) meeting did not meet quorum attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by President S. Hellwig, Sr. The President introduced the following guests: Bob Chartrand, Tim O'Connor and Michael Luciano of Chartrand Associates, and John DePew.

This month's program on products from Command Access and from Torus was presented by Chartrand Associates.

Previous Minutes: Motion to accept the March 2022 minutes as printed in the April 2022 Newsletter by M. Arnold, second by D. Barnum. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: M. Arnold reported that the Board had approved the Treasurer's Reports from March 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022 and reminded everyone that a copy of all reports are available to all members in good standing upon request.

President's Report: S. Hellwig, Sr. reported that he has presented some ideas to the Board for getting GPLA's name in front of the public, including a PSA and a program like The Angel Network. The President requests that members review his sample PSA found in his President's Message in the May newsletter and provide comment and input. The President also reminded everyone the June meeting would be a dinner meeting held at the Pennsauken Country Club on June 20, 2022 and thanked M. Arnold for arranging the dinner. Cost is \$25.00 per member, with a spouse or companion at no additional charge.

Membership Committee: M. Onraet presented Ken Kramer for General Membership approval and reported that all of the required documentation was in order, and that the vetting process and background check found no issues. K. Kramer was unanimously approved for Apprentice membership by secret ballot. M. Onraet also reported that he had received a membership application through the GPLA website for John DePew, and would present it to the Board at their next meeting to begin the vetting process for him.

Correspondence In: None.

Correspondence Out: M. Arnold reported that he had sent a \$100.00 donation to the Friends of Ridgewood Emergency Services in the name of Honorary member Walter Lascar, who passed away earlier this year.

Education Committee: C. Shafer reported that the two NJ CEU classes held over the weekend of April 23 & 24 had a great turnout and that final profits were waiting to be confirmed at the next Board meeting. C. Shafer also reported that a Key Systems Forensics class being taught by John Truempy and Vernon Kelley and worth 8 CEU's was scheduled for June 11, and that there were already 14 students signed up. Students can register on-line through the GPLA website, or print out the registration form and mail in with their check.

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Health & Welfare Committee: C. Shafer reported that Ron Blevins had had a knee injury and that a low blood pressure condition was complicating his recovery, and that Ron would be happy to hear from any members that wanted to call him.

Building Committee: M. Arnold reported that the landlord had agreed to replace the entire roof in order to resolve the on-going leaks in the bathroom and other places.

Communications Committee: P. Kline reported that he has been sending out e-blasts through our Constant Contact account announcing the various CEU classes being held at GPLA headquarters.

Website: M. Arnold reported that he is working on getting the Find-a-Locksmith section of the website updated.

Newsletter: M. Arnold made a request for articles from the membership that he could print in the newsletter.

Legislation Committee: E. Fitzgerald reported that the agenda for the April NJ Locksmith Licensing Board showed that ALOA had submitted 24 classes for CEU approval.

Convention Committee: S. Hellwig reported that the committee has been working on the various aspects of the convention. E. Fitzgerald reported that he is continuing to solicit for exhibitors to fill the larger exhibit hall at the new convention hotel. J. Williams reported that he had only one class slot left to fill and that there would be classes of interest for everyone, including a highly requested motorcycle serving class to be held at GPLA HQ on the Wednesday of the convention.

Program Committee: P. Kline reported that there would be no program for the June dinner meeting other than membership appreciation.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

Good of the Association: P. Kline cautioned members to watch out for scammers claiming to be from Google who want \$95.00 to move your listing up in search results. Google will never ask for money. S. Hellwig, Jr. reported that Just Cars is in Arizona next week.

M. Arnold announced that the winning ticket for the LAB pinning kit raffle was held by Arnie Rabinowitz.

50/50: \$40.00 was awarded to the winning ticket holder. Various other door prizes were won, including a Command Access power supply donated by Bob Chartrand, and a dozen fresh eggs donated by Jim Hand-schuh.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Barnum, second by B. Wilensky. Motion was passed unanimously at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML
Recording Secretary

Below: An interesting program was presented by Bob Chartrand on the Command Access product line at the May membership meeting.



Below: This was the third class organized by GPLA's CEU Education Chairman Cliff Shafer. The two previous classes he held in conjunction with SJLA Education Chairman Jim Sundstrond.



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