



OAA Meeting Agenda April 25, 2023

1. Call to order – In attendance: Bill Lynch, Jeni Blackburn, Curtis Gram, Alycia Brehm, Chris Kirk, Nicole Wright 9:03
2. Secretary's Report (Alycia)- Feb 6 meeting minutes. Chris motions, Jeni seconds, motion carried, minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report (Curtis)- No report. A few members joined, a few more payments since last meeting. Taxes due May 15th, Curtis is preparing and will submit in the next week to the tax guy we have used in the past.
4. Old Business
 - a. Directory (Jeni) – Jeni has not had time to work on it.
 - b. Spring Newsletter (Jeni) – Newsletter is with the designer right now. Mike and Nicole sent items. Alycia sent pictures also.
Nicole says she should have more time in her schedule to contribute more to newsletters.
5. New Business
 - a. 2024 Annual Conference
 - i. Venue? See attachment. Marriot Renaissance is expensive, Fawcett center has high minimums, Cincinnati might be better for a join conference.
Curtis contacted Cherry Valley in Newark. They seem to want bigger conferences.
 - ii. Format / Food Considerations
 1. Cost Considerations – save on food
 2. Presentation Challenges – Change the layout and have vendors in bigger Edison, have talks in half the other 2 rooms we usually use. Use the Edison for vendors and networking, use the Morgans as 2 for talks. Silent Auction in the Edison.
 3. 1 or 2 day conference? Later on Friday, end noon or 1 on Saturday.
 4. Fewer meals - Start registration at 9 with food, meeting starts at 10 (potential keynote here). Have an enhanced social Friday night, no banquet. Have breakfast Saturday morning. Then have food for break that is on consumption only.
 5. Hotel – Definitely don't feel comfortable going to the Four Points. Will check into the Hampton or Fairfield.
 - iii. Exhibitor Impacts
 - iv. Separate Day Registrations?



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- b. Other Items – Focus on producer products, keynote president of the Ohio Restaurant Association?
 - c. How do we engage with other existing events that would be beneficial to members? Ecology, Pond maintenance
 - d. Summer picnic – July 29th
 - e. Next newsletter – articles to Jeni by July 15th
 - f. Picnic – Nicole asked about inviting Chris French
 - g. Social – Alycia – April, Curtis - May
6. Next Meeting – May 30th, 9:00
 7. Adjourn – 10:37