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Meeting was called to order  
Minutes submitted for approval. Minutes were moved to be approved by Ron Severia, seconded by Joe Shchwartz. Motion passed.

#### Convergence Orlando:

We had a bumpy start getting going. Payments are being processed now. We are adding a Monday breakfast to the event. We will be taking reservations for the hotel online. We will be having a third party working on the convergence website. Tony asked how the reservations would be paid for. We will only be taking one room night unless its special suite in which case it will be the term of the stay. Patrick has also been working on getting the email addresses of the people who came last year. There's a confidentiality issue with giving over those email addresses. Schedule doesn't match package, but packages do mention it. Patrick comitted to an updated schedule by the 30th

#### Convergence Indy:

Hotel selection is down to two final hotels. Selection needs to be made and contracts negotiated. The convergence team has been compiling entertainment options, both onsite and offsite to offer as part of the Convergence package. These will be detailed by the time of the formal proposal at Convergence 2010. Frank K requested Patrick's expertise on the matter of hotel negotiation and would like to see him join them in Indy for some onsite assistance. Patrick is willing to help get the best hotel contract that he can for them.

#### Event planning kit:

As Patrick is working on Orlando and as he works with Frank, he will be documenting the process in order to have a packet of information to guide them in running a successful event. Patrick will have a list of people that he will have helping him by the next meeting.

#### New club kit:

Frank has assembled a framework of documentation which he hopes will be a foundation for new clubs that wish to form. This documentation consists of nine main data points and will be fleshed out over the course of the year.

#### Financial committee report

In order to prevent the trouble caused by the lack of transparency on the part of the previous treasurer, all financial data is now transmitted to all members of the finance committee (Currently Gary W and Patrick H) to provide a check and balance against future monetary issues. Furthermore, all checks and bank card usages as well as all other withdrawals require a countersignature in order to be transacted.

Future Convergence Selection criteria:

The topic of how future convergences would be selected was brought up. It was decided that Patrick, as events chair, would make his recommendation for the location of Convergence two years out. At that point it would be voted upon by the board.

New business:

Discussion was had regarding the ABC By-Laws. Gary posted the question if we have to wait for the annual meeting. Ron indicated that as notifications are sent out per the bylaws timing that we can vote at any time.

Ben says that he could get the convergence detail put into their website for an advert in their local event. Orlando is already on there. Ben was given the link to the promotion area of the convergence website so that he could take the banner of his choosing to use for advertising.

We set the next meeting for Sunday January 31st 2010 at noon CST.

Ft laud moved to close the meeting Philadelphia seconded. Meeting adjourned.