

GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE CONSORTIUM
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2016

Call to Order. The Board meeting was held via conference call. The meeting began at about 4:00 pm EDT.

Confirmation of Members. A quorum was achieved with participating Board members Jerry Murphy, Clancy Mullen, John Osborne, Jeanne Shreve, Melissa Lindsjo, and Nilgun Kamp. Dan Gennari of VenueQuest was also on the call.

Approval of Minutes from Previous BOD meeting. The minutes for the August 10, 2016 Board meeting were approved without amendment.

Board Election. Melissa was the only Nominating Committee member on the call. She reported that Jason had revised the 2016 election details document that Clancy had forwarded and returned to Clancy. Clancy said he had not reviewed it yet, but would get it on the website and send out the call for nominations in an email blast.

2016 Conference

Sponsors. Nilgun reported that we have received four sponsorships – three gold and one platinum. The Board decided to extend the deadline for sponsors until Friday, September 23. Jerry said he will contact our academic regulars (Burchell, Nelson, etc.) to make sure they are aware of the academic sponsorship options.

Registrants. Dan reported that 45 people have registered so far. Jerry noted we are still planning for 150, although 100 might be more realistic considering where we are now.

Early registration. The Board decided to extend the early registration fee rate until Friday, September 23. Clancy will send out a notice once the registration site is updated.

Hotel reservations. Dan reported that we have sold 80 room-nights toward our 96 minimum.

Food and beverage. Dan said our F&B minimum is \$6,500, and based on his menu selections we should be right at that for morning coffee, Thursday afternoon snacks and the two luncheons. The luncheon menus will include charbroiled steak on Thursday and a barbeque buffet on Friday. We will not be providing breakfasts, since free breakfasts are available for hotel guests.

Audio/visual. Dan said he had arranged for screens, projector stands and microphones, but wanted to know if we were going to provide projectors. The Board indicated a preference for paying for projectors, whether through the hotel or through a private vendor. Dan will follow up on this.

Outreach. Jeanne said she has been contacting locals about the conference, and will forward information to her contacts about the extension of early registration. John said he would forward updates to his contacts as well.

Program. Clancy informed the Board that Steve French, who was to give the Friday luncheon plenary session on “Infrastructure and Big Data” had to cancel. He suggested we move Jim Charlier’s session

on “The Convergence of Transportation and Technology” into that slot. Jeanne noted that robotic vehicles were a big issue and Nelson’s session on “Get Ahead of the Robotic Vehicle Curve or Get Run Over” might also be a good plenary. Clancy said he would talk to the proposers to see who was interested in doing the plenary and report back to the group with a recommendation.

Walking tour. Clancy asked for a little more detail on the walking tour to put in the program. Jeanne said she would work with the local provider to get that.

Social Media. Melissa noted that she needs to be an administrator for the website, etc. Clancy said he will coordinate with her to get her that information.

2017 Conference. Jerry walked through the agenda notes on next year’s conference in Sarasota. He invited comments on his proposed working theme: Sharing Our Economic Challenges: Implications and Solutions for Infrastructure Investment in the Future of Climate Change. He also asked Board members to see if there are significant conflicts with his proposed Oct. 18-20, 2017 dates. There was some discussion of possible hotel venues. Jerry also threw out the idea of forming a conference planning committee to line up conference locations for the future, even beyond the next year.

Next Meeting Date – The next Board meeting will be in Denver at the conference on October 12, 2016 at 4 pm MDT.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at about 4:50 pm, EDT.

Minutes prepared Clancy Mullen, GIC secretary, on September 8, 2016.