SIA AFFAIRS

22nd Annual Business Meeting June 5, 1993 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Emory Kemp, at left, receives the 1993 SIA General Tools Award for Distinguished Service to Industrial Archeology from General Tools Chairman Gerry Weinstein. Matt Roth, who made the presentation statement, looks on. *A Eisenpress photo*.

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Federman at 1:10 p.m. in the Pittsburgh Room of the William Penn Hotel. [Editor's Note: This is the same room, hotel, and city in which the SIA met in 1974, 19 years ago, at the 3rd Annual Conference.]

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. President Federman expressed general thanks to the conference organizers, noted the excellence of the lunch, and asked for chapter members to rise as she called out their chapter names. Mention then was made of plans for the 1994 meetings (SIA and TICCIH), and Phyllis Rose rose to speak on plans for the Toronto conference.

Rose offered some teasers to entice members to head for Toronto next year, having distributed Toronto promotional materials to each table.

Dennis Howe spoke on the upcoming Fall Tour to New Hampshire.

President Federman noted that Baltimore members have agreed to host the 1995 Annual Conference and observed that proposals for future sites are sought.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Secretary David Shayt requested corrections to, and, seeing none, approval of the minutes of the 1992 Annual Business Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Fred Quivik, seconded by Sandy Norman, and was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Nanci Batchelor summarized the year's revenues and expenses.

NORTON PRIZE. Chair of the Norton Prize Committee, Robert Vogel, reviewed the prize's history and intent and announced that the Committee, composed also of Larry Gross, Duncan Hay, Dean Herrin, and Carter Litchfield, was unable to identify a winning article from those in the issues of *IA* under consideration. Therefore, no Norton Prize was awarded this year.

Vogel then announced that the incoming chair of the Committee would be Dean Herrin, and that he was prevented from announcing the new committee member until the Board had voted on his or her acceptance.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION. Carol Poh Miller rose to read a resolution calling for the local landmarking and preservation of Cleveland's Hulett ore unloaders, visited by SIA at the annual meeting in 1986, and now very much at risk.

Motion to approve the resolution as read was made by David Simmons, seconded by Tom Leary, and carried unanimously.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE. Committee Chair Fred Quivik noted the progress of both journal and newsletter, and called for a volunteer to serve as compiler of the Publications of Interest section of the newsletter. None appeared at the time. President Federman offered words of thanks to longtime Publications of Interest compiler, John Wickre.

GENERAL TOOLS AWARD. Matthew Roth, of the Award Committee, comprised also of Dennis Zembala, Chair, and Terry Reynolds, summarized the history of this new award. Roth introduced Gerry Weinstein, chairman of General Tools, Inc., and award benefactor and designer, who displayed the actual presentation piece: a polished, 32-oz. General Tools brass plumb bob suspended in a cloth-lined shadow box of fine wood and set with a pair of engraved brass plaques.

Roth then announced the recipient of the 1993 General Tools Award for Distinguished Service to Industrial Archeology: Emory L. Kemp. A standing ovation followed.

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