

58th National Meeting of EDGE&TA, June 30, 2018, MI:

Branch 107 – Emporia KS

Glen Knuth from Branch 107 welcomed the EDGETA Board, members, and all guests. He then introduced Dale Delong, owner of the site where the meeting was held. He introduced Bob Craig, North Central Regional Director who was presiding over the meeting in the absence of the EDGETA President, George Christmas and Vice-President Don Young. Clyde Brummett voiced the opening prayer, Larry Voris led the National Anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Bob Craig thanked Branch 107 for hosting the show this year. He then introduced the other members of the Board of EDGETA as follows:

South Central Director, Clyde Brummett, Sr.
Northwest Director, Dick Tombrink
Outgoing Director-at-Large, Buster Brown
Newly elected Director-at-Large, Jeff Fenske
National Show Coordinator and Northeast Advisor, Morrie Robinson
Secretary, Carrie Jo Parmley

Bob then announced the names of those Board Members not in attendance as follows: President and Southeast Regional Director, George Christmas, Vice President and Southwest Regional Director, Don Young, Northeast Regional Director, Wayne Timchuk.

Roll Call of the branches indicated there were 7 Branches in attendance: Branch 107 KS, Branch 16 MO, Branch 29 MT, Branch 26 WA, Branch 8 CA, Branch 124 TX, Branch 37, AR.

Carrie Jo Parmley announced that we currently have 153 branches and a total of 7200 members. We have added 4 new branches this year.

Old Business: None

New Business: Committee Reports

Safety:

Bob Craig reported that it appeared all events occurring at the show were safe. He inquired about the Youth Training that Branch 107 has. There was a brief discussion of how they handled getting youth trained.

Steam:

Dick Tombrink reported that everything regarding steam had been quiet this year. He stated that the regulations are state by state, so we follow the code of the state when involving steam engines.

Insurance:

Dick Tombrink reported that we had a good year except for the September accident in the Apple Valley, California parade. A tractor hit a Bentley from behind in the parade and did \$20,000 in damage. The owner of the car was an attorney and by the time he placed a value on the time for loss of use of the vehicle, the depreciation it caused to the value of the vehicle, etc., there was a claim of \$100,000. Our insurance company denied the claim, so now the tractor owner is liable for the damage. Currently our insurance covers liability for spectators and not other participants in an activity.

Dick reported that he had located an insurance company that would cover liability from member to member, member to spectator, and member to other participants in an activity. It would cost \$5.00 more per member per year. The deductible would increase from \$1,000 per incident to \$2500 per incident.

A discussion followed with members in attendance. Comments were made questioning whether the entity hosting events such as parades should have insurance to cover those events. It was stated by some members that some entities do have that coverage. Questions raised included when the new plan would begin and end and who would pay the \$5 increase for each member since dues have already been paid by a large number of branches. Dick stated that there were possibilities that either the Branch or EDGETA would pay the extra \$5 for those members who have already paid dues this current year, and then the branches could charge any new members the new rate with the increased \$5 insurance cost added to their membership dues. Dick further stated that at an EDGETA Show, all participants must be EDGETA members. He explained how the members should receive their membership card and new sticker each year.

Bob Craig suggested it would probably be a good idea to get the thoughts of our members and asked if Carrie Jo could send out a survey to all branches to receive input from them on the insurance information that was being considered. She agreed to do the mailing. The final decision will be decided by the Board of Directors in their next meeting.

Annual and Regional Shows:

Morrie Robinson explained the recent method of the divisions of the United States for the selection of branches to host the shows. Now, the US is divided into three major regions to host the annual National Show: Eastern Region, Central Region, and Western Region. There are 6 Regional divisions: NE, SE, NC, SC, NW and SW. The year that a branch hosts the National Show, there is no Regional Show in that Region for that year. All of the other 5 regions have Regional Shows in their respective regions. The 2019 National Show will be hosted by Branch 114 in Red Bluff, California in April, which is the Southwest Region. There will be no SW Regional Show in 2019.

New Director-at-Large, Jeff Fenske, explained his stationary engines and the exhibitions. He is the current president of Branch 8 and has been for a long time.

Hall of Fame:

Next Dorene Yearian explained the Hall of Fame program and explained the process for becoming an honoree of the award. She then presented a Hall of Fame Award to Sue Tombrink; other awards have either been presented or will be presented at the various Regional Shows to other recipients chosen for the 2018 year.

Bob Craig thanked Branch 107 for hosting the show and the hospitality they had shown the Board of Directors.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.