



## Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce - Ohio

Regional chapter of SACC-USA, [www.sacc-usa.org](http://www.sacc-usa.org).

### **Minutes from SACC-Ohio Board Meeting, November 8, 2007**

In attendance: Christian Bernadotte, Bengt Gerborg, Matias Bonnier, Lars Eriksson, Kenneth Johnson and Lars Traner.

Christian opened the meeting welcoming everyone and thanking Jerry Torma for hosting us and for the Dajm!

The Minutes from the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved by Ken and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matias.

**Membership committee:** Nothing to report as Peter Carlsson was absent.

### **Treasury report,** Ken Johnson:

Ken had produced an income statement and a review was made. See attached.

There remain outstanding fees and Bengt will call Emba, trying to collect.

Starting with the month of December 2007, Ken will begin distributing a monthly income statement to all board members. This to make all the transactions clear and visible to the board.

### **PR committee,** Christian Bernadotte,

It was decided to go ahead with outsourcing to maintenance of the SACC-Ohio website. Lars Traner is to email the contact information of Erienet Communications, Inc. to Christian for him to contact and set it up.

### **Events,** Lars Eriksson,

The Entrepreneurial Days were discussed.

Per both Lars Eriksson and Bengt, two events per year is too much in their opinion.

They rather see one event per year and switch every second year between Sweden and the U.S.A.

A request for statistics of how any repeat participants there have been, support in recruiting companies to participate in SACC-Ohio events, success stories and information about visitors from Sweden to SACC-USA will be put forward among other subjects by Bengt at the SACC-USA meetings to be held in Cleveland OH on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jessika Ferm had success at the Chicago E-Days and gained a new customer and a partnership with a firm in Sweden.

Lars Traner will follow up with Scanwell Industries as he claimed to have had success at the Chicago E-days.

We received information from Don Esarove of Neoibn about a lunch meeting on December the 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Union club. The subject being, Life Sciences / Clean Technology – Renewable Energy.

Bengt and Lars Eriksson will contact our past speaker, Baiju, asking him for leads.

The event schedule presented by Lars Eriksson looks as follows.  
Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lucia dinner with SACC-USA at Windows on the River.  
Invitations to go out a.s.a.p. Lars Traner will handle it.  
SACC-Ohio annual meeting, January 17<sup>th</sup> in conjunction to a Neoibn meeting in which Adam Wassermann, Director of the port of Cleveland will speak.  
This may have a greater draw for us.  
It was also decided that the board members should call current SACC-Ohio members asking what kind of activities they would like to see in 2008.  
Lars Eriksson will update the website with our scheduled events.  
By December 17<sup>th</sup>, the SACC-Ohio Annual event has to be announced in writing to all SACC-Ohio current members.  
Lars Eriksson, Ken Johnson and Mafias to coordinate.  
The Annual letter is already done.  
The idea is to have the notice of the Annual meeting to go out together with the Annual letter and the membership invoice for 2008.

**New business.**

Christian told us that he will step down as President of SACC-Ohio due to his busy travel scheduled and difficulties to attend our meetings.  
He would like to continue to be on the board. Matias mentioned that Jessika Ferm have expressed an interest in becoming a board member.  
At our next board meeting we should come up with some candidates after having contacted for ex. Nordson, Electrolux etc.. And any other interested parties.  
A slate of board members should be presented at the annual meeting.  
The board then decide the officers and the Committee chairpersons.

**Old business.**

Sister City – Michael Miller, please advise status at the next board meeting.

Next meeting, Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10.00am at the Swedish Consulate, 14<sup>th</sup> floor.

Respectfully submitted, Lars Traner, Secretary

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