

LLUSCBA Monthly Association Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023

Location: Laredo College, De La Garza Conference

1. Meeting Called to Order: **8:47 AM**
2. 122 Regular Voting Members @ 20% = 26 for Quorum
 - a. **Quorum not Met**
3. Anti-Trust Reminder
 - a. **We need to be mindful of the fact that while we are sharing education information, we are also competitors. Accordingly, there can be no discussion here about any cost or pricing issues.**
4. Last meeting's Minutes
 - a. **No Quorum so could not vote.**
5. Announcement
 - a. **Administrative Assistant is Reviewing Current Roster of Members and confirming all have up-to-date Membership Dues Paid**
6. Reports

President

- Attended Port of Laredo Advisory Committee
 - o LLUSCBA has a board seat
 - o During Meeting Discussed various issues effecting the Port including:
 - Turnaround times for when driver don't have fees paid > working with city/bridge to resolve these issues > seen increase in efficiency with implemented efforts
 - Recommendations for studies for additional bridge
 - Discussions for action plan (subcommittee) for when MX customs goes down.
- Attended Government Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Attended Pathways for Trade
 - o LLUSCBA was invited with 2 seats.
 - o Conference Topic > Cold Chain: Supply Innovations and Trends
- Attended Southern Border Conference in South Padre Island
- Member of Committee with Chamber of Commerce to Plan Laredo Day- Washington Trip
 - o Expected Trip in March 2024
 - o Working on making agenda focused on trade and infrastructure
- Attended Heros and Healthcare Gala
 - o LLUSCBA had a table

Vice-President

- No Report

Treasurer

- Presented Profit & Loss Report for January -September 2023

Secretary

- No Report

Chairperson

- No Report

NCBFAA President

- Discussed NCBFAA Dues and Promotion for Members who refer new members

Board Members

*****Introduction of New Board Member – Carlos Vela*****

Area 8 Rep & Membership Report

- Membership – With 122 active members, LLUSCBA is biggest association in the Nation
- Stressed importance for all members to be involved
- Working with different suppliers to be vendors for association “preferred vendors” who would offer discounts/special prices
- Reach out if you have any questions/comments for nationals.

7. Committee Reports

Customs Committee

- Submit Questions for next week’s Trade Meeting
- FTZ Operators should come to next Trade meeting > will discuss issue of how light assembly is not being allowed in Laredo FTZs

Government Committee

- Highway Project discussion
 - o Status update > December deadline to receive the funding in May 2024
- Reminder to Vote on propositions
 - o Will send out to members for review

Transportation Committee

- Mexican Customs attended Port of Entry Meeting to discuss action plans for when system is down
- Will send update of TXDOT projects going on around Laredo

Bylaws/Nominations

- Working on nominations to meet required standards and timing.
- Annual Meeting – November 29th
- Should have ballot out by the end of the month > confirming list of members/voting capabilities
- Have completed reviewing bylaws but formalizing formal recommendations
 - o Board must approve first
 - o Then will be sent to general membership for vote

Education Committee Report

- New Broker Seminar – November 14,2023 - 9:00 AM
- Working on Additional Upcoming Seminars
 - o Tranix – Cyber Security
 - o POA

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- a. POA Books – Available Online/Office
 - i. LLUSCBA offering discount with no shipping cost
- b. Golf Tournament – November 18th
 - i. Went to the Max meeting with new course management company who assured the course will be in good shape for the tournament
 - ii. Opening for additional teams
 - iii. Discussed sponsorship opportunities
- c. Election Ballots ready; to be sent via Election Buddy
- d. LLUSCBA's Holiday Party December 8th > Formal Invitations to go out soon

10. Comments and Announcements

- **CBP/Trade Meeting - November 1, 2023**
- **LLUSCBA Annual Meeting – November 29, 2023**

11. Meeting Adjourned– **9:50 AM**