

AMERICAN KNIFE AND TOOL INSTITUTE
Minutes of the Board of Regents Conference Call Meeting
Friday, May 12, 2000

Friday, May 12 Meeting was called to order approximately 1:15 p.m. (CDT) by president Les de Asis. Also present: Regents Bob Miller, Wally Gardiner and Executive Director Jan Billeb.

California Situation

Les de Asis reported that Chris Micheli is still waiting on the survey updates from the DA=s office.

Oregon Meeting with Congresswoman

Les gave a brief positive report on the Oregon AKTI members recent luncheon with Congresswoman Hooley. Present were Doug Flagg and Jack I. from Kershaw, Ron Klint and Rod Bremer from Columbia River, Les de Asis, Bob Galvin, public relations for Benchmade, Congresswoman Hooley and her field representative. Les will share the booklet of materials they presented to the Congresswoman. The materials and approached used hopefully can create an outline for other AKTI members. The Oregon AKTI members agreed to meet every 60 days.

Communications Director

The resumes and letters from Ken Delavigne and Bob Galvin were briefly discussed for needing additional information. Les will contact Bob Galvin to submit examples of written articles. Jan suggested staying open to the possibility of a way to use the strengths of both individuals. All regents should review the resumes and letters for discussion at the Atlanta meeting and possible conference calls with each interested person.

Advisory Board

Kershaw has paid for advisory board membership and Doug Flagg will attend the board meeting on Thurs., June 1st at 9 a.m. Les Edelstein of Moteng told Les that they will commit to that level of involvement and has been invited to the meeting as well. Wally agreed to talk to Jim Furgal about possible participation.

Publications

Jan reported the knife law pamphlet is being printed and will be available in shrink-wrapped packages of 250. She bring a supply to the Blade Show. No news on the knife safety pamphlet.

Meeting adjourned approximately 1: 45 p.m. (CDT).

Minutes submitted,

Jan Billeb
AKTI Executive Director