

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

A special meeting was held on a conference call at 8:00 P.M. CST. Those on the call were:

Roy Army Susie Swain Don Swain Lee Michaels Larry Putnam David Akins Dickie Stanley Charles Trammel Kara Trammel Barbara Chatham Doug Shaw

Not a quorum

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and act upon the removal of an RGA member in Colorado who had made comments on Facebook to two young girls whose father is also an RGA member. The alleged comments made by the RGA member were extremely inappropriate to the young girls. The father called the police who made out a report of which we have a copy. The police did not file charges against the member who made the comments. The following are some comments from the officers on the conference call.

Lee Michaels called the man and talked to him about his actions. He said he shouldn't have done it. He then blamed the father of the girls for just wanting to stir up trouble.

David said that he talked to the father of the girls about the incident and did verify the actions. He also sent the police report to David for his review. David then emailed the officers about the incident and attached a copy of the police report.

Roy stated that he didn't get a copy of the report so David immediately sent it to him during the meeting. Roy was also concerned that some of the absent members might not have gotten a copy.

Larry suggested that we ask the man to resign from RGA rather than revoke his membership. There were a lot of comments about this method and it was decided that this was not what we should handle it.

Doug talked about the possibility of the man refuting the actions of removing him.

The final decision was that David would contact the absent members and ensure that they got the copy of the police report so that they could make an informed decision about whether or not to remove the man from RGA.

Wording from our code of ethics was stated by one of our officers which basically gives RGA the ability to act on this matter. We do not want anything or anyone to put a blemish on RGA. This is an organization we are proud of.

RGA members are to consider themselves as mentors/teachers to young and old alike and behave at all times while representing RGA in a manner above reproach. Inappropriate actions or behavior by any member is subject to review by the board and may result in expulsion of the member.

A vote was then taken from the officers to pursue removing the member from RGA:

Roy Army	Yes
Susie Swain	Yes
Don Swain	No

Lee Michaels	Yes
Larry Putnam	Yes
David Akins	Doesn't vote unless a tie
Dickie Stanley	Yes
Charles Trammel	Yes
Kara Trammel	Yes
Barbara Chatham	Yes
Doug Shaw	NO (Doug objected only to the process we are using)

8 voted yes
2 voted no

After David Akins polls the officers that were not on the conference call and based on the votes, a letter will be written to the man revoking his RGA membership based on the safety terminology.

Meeting was adjourned.

On March 19, David did contact board members George Lucas, Jim Hoffman, Gary Burden, and Bill Lamb about this issue. They were asked for their vote on the removal of the RGA member and all voted "yes". David wrote the letter to member informing him of his removal from RGA.