

# 2005 TCI Convention Delegate Report

The Delegates meeting always makes for an interesting day. July 6, 2005, was the day and we got our packets and settled in for the meeting. There were several items on the agenda that I thought were sure to bring heated discussion and I figured we would be there for a full day. But we were out of the meeting with all decisions made by 12:45 and ready for lunch.

Our first report of current interest was Barry Umbs filing us in on the financial status of Niagara Convention 2004. Due to several disputes with the hotel, Barry had to 'guarantee' several thousand dollars with his personal cards. Our figures show that they owe us several thousand dollars and they say we owe them many more. The matter was settled for now, by TCI and the clubs that were to benefit from the profit of convention to repay Barry and when the matter is finally settled, (With the hotel repaying TCI), then the three clubs and TCI will be reimbursed.

We went on to the Bylaw changes and the resolutions. Some were just housekeeping changes.

1. The bylaw about the Publisher Club was amended to give the responsibility of Tall Topix to the Ex Board if Tall Topix is not produced by Dec. 31st.
2. The change to bylaw 7.3.2 proposed by Orange County was passed clarifying the use of corporate funds.
3. The change to 7.4.3.3 was amended to say if 2 or more nominations were received and included in the delegates package, no nominations would be accepted from the floor at the Delegates Meeting.
4. 7.7.11.2.1 was changed, now all web sites are eligible for nomination for the best.
5. Bylaw 7.8.5 was tabled.
6. 8.0, Founders Day Tall Observance was accepted.
7. Miss Tall International Pageant was withdrawn.
8. The current Registered Agent was changed to reflect the current agent.

All other proposed changes failed.

Our next matter of business was the Leadership Positions. Orange County and Cincinnati were nominated for the Executive Board and Portland was accepted as the Alternate Ex-Board. There were no other nominations for the other leadership positions. There is still time for someone to step up to the job...

Convention 2006 is also still not finalized. Twin Cities Tall Club proposed investigating an "Unconventional" Convention in Minneapolis, more details to follow. There is also time for someone else to present a city and invite us to visit.

All in all this was a very quiet and business like meeting. We were able to do what we needed to do in an adult manner and get on with the business of having fun and getting to know our fellow Talls a little better. The final results of the award winners are on the TCI website, along with loads of other information. (But as you all know, Congrats to us HI C's as your new Executive Board.)

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