President Tom McDonald called the meeting to order at 1610.

Board Members present: Tom McDonald, President; Robert Vallero, Secretary-Treasurer; Debby Davis; Stephen Heaver, David Lewis; Peter Molloy, John Zangerle.

There were 25 people in attendance, representing 21 member museums.

The minutes from the 2010 annual meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer submitted a financial report. The assets of the corporation are $16,357.08 held in Colorado and Wisconsin.

The Seminar Host reported that attendance of 33 people. He expects to break even, or show a slight positive cash flow. He thanked all who came, and reported that the Question and Answer round table was the most fruitful session of the seminar.

President McDonald thanked Matt Lee and the entire staff of the Michigan Firehouse Museum for their efforts in producing the seminar. He also announced the 2012 seminar would very likely be held in the Southern California area, probably Long Beach/Los Angeles with a trip down to San Diego.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates for the Executive Board to the body.

Those nominated are incumbents Thomas McDonald, Jane Rogers and David Lewis. There were no nominations from the floor. All nominees to serve for three years. The slate was elected unanimously.

The President introduced the officers of the corporation to the membership who were elected at the Executive Board meeting, pursuant to the Bylaws. The officers for the upcoming year are Tom McDonald, President; Jane Rogers, Vice-President; Robert Vallero, Secretary-Treasurer.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Discussion ensued concerning seminar issues;
An informal poll of the body indicated a strong preference for the next seminar to be in the summer as opposed to fall. It was pointed out that the timing is selected by the host based on many factors, including hotel rates, other conflicting events both among our members and in the host city.

Damon Campagna of the New York City museum addressed the logistics of a 2013 event in his city. The major obstacle in NYC is hotel rates. A possible incentive might be to provide almost all meals to offset the room rates.

It was also noted that the board members and membership as a whole seem to prefer a rotation of east coast, central and west coast sites for seminars. The third potential site, New Albany, IN, which
is across the river from Louisville, KY, is under consideration for 2014. This would be in keeping with the geographical rotation.

John Zangerle pointed out to the group that all meetings, including the executive board, are open to the entire membership, although there may be a portion of those meetings that are held in Executive Session, due to sensitive personnel issues.

A request was made for any and all potential board members to communicate with the president or the nominating committee chair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1750.

Recorded and submitted by Robert Vallero