

Message from the Board – January 20, 2008

At the January San Francisco Tour Guide Guild Board meeting we elected new officers, formed committees and chose chairpeople, and said farewell to the outgoing Board members. Once again, we want to express our deep thanks for the hard work and dedication of Barbara White, Andy Hartman, Cecilia Olkowski, and Claire Manhart.

New officers include: President - Jason Cohen; Vice President - Bob Hunt; Secretary - Diane McNeely, and Treasurer - Michelle McCurry.

Committee chairs are as follows:

- Programs - Madelon van Lier and John Kalivas
- Membership - Michelle McCurry
- Certification - Bert Holmberg and Bob Hunt
- Planning for DMC Meeting and Finalization of Rate Sheet - Marilee Traynor
- Strategic Planning/Bylaws - Bob Hunt
- Public Relations - Joe Ries
- Professional Standards - President plus 2 Board members; this year includes Jason Cohen, Joe Ries, and John Kalivas
- Logistics (arrangements for space and F&B for meetings, holiday party, etc.) - Jason Cohen and Joe Ries

We want 2008 to be a year in which the membership has a lot of opportunities to participate in the organization and planning the Guild's future. Several people have already expressed interest in working on some of these committees, but we want more! Many of you considered joining the Board but decided you could not take on the time commitment and would rather help on a project basis-- here's the perfect opportunity, since some of these committees will not require a long term commitment. Please contact the chair and join a committee!

Also, the monthly Board meetings are open to all members, so we would love to see you. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month from 6-8 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please contact a Board member in advance to verify there's been no change to the day/time and to find out the meeting room. Members attend Board meetings as observers, but we'll always try to give attendees the opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting. If you have a specific topic you want to address, contact the President at least one week before the meeting and in most cases we will be able to put you on the agenda.

Wishing everyone a great 2008!