

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (12/12/12)

Present: Albert Sabbas, Robert Barish, Sandra Fontenla, Michael Lovelock, Stephen Balter, Lawrence Rothenberg, Tom Petrone, Ziad Saleh, LiCheng Kuo, Laura Happersett, Bill O'Connell

1. Approval of meeting minutes from 11/20/2012

Approved.

2. Discussion of Raphex and MPP contract Proposal

Bob Barish provided some updated figure on the gross sales for the 2012 Raphex Exam indicating a total of \$43,160 as of early December. There was much discussion as to whether the Raphex exam should continue to be produced in light of the poor sales volumes in the last couple of years. It was debated whether the exam was worth the time and effort it takes to produce. With the updated figures provided it appears the exam came closer to the gross sales from years prior. After much debate and discussion it was determined that RAMPS would proceed with a Raphex for 2013. It was also decided that there would not be a change in the price of the exam. As far as the proposed contract from MPP it was decided that RAMPS would not share the additional publishing and printing costs but instead impress upon MPP that RAMPS has its own comparable or higher expenses in the production of the exam. It was requested of Bill O'Connell to communicate such decisions via email to Howard Amols.

3. New members

New member applications were approved and welcome letter will be sent out.

4. Treasury

Bob Barish and Sandra Fontenla are to meet separately to follow up on Treasurer responsibilities and hand off of information for bank accounts and other financial matters.

5. Thanks

A final thank you was given to Albert Sabbas for successfully running the last RAMPS meeting of the year and his many accomplishments during his term as RAMPS President.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm