



## Meeting Minutes- February 5, 2009

- Meeting started: 7:30 am
- Members in attendance: 10
- Guests: none
- Introductions: none
- Speaker: none
- Referrals: 2
- Testimonials: 0

## Agenda

1. Tim Andrew thanked Nyles Courchesne for his leadership as President for the past 1½ years.
2. **EBBE elections** were held with the following results  
President- Bill Gilligan  
Vice President- Tim Andrew  
Secretary- Jim Moran  
Treasurer- Norm Corigliano  
Referral Tracking- Sandy Saffer  
Membership- Sydney Hirsch
3. In lieu of the std roundtable business commercials, an informal **brainstorming session** was conducting with the following ideas suggested:
  - arrange for outside guest speakers, every 2-3 months
  - continue once/month social gathering
  - reconsider the value and/or number of recruitment dinners
  - track attendance of members and establish some guidelines.
  - restart program of member-to-member interviews
  - increase use and participation in blog by group members, onboard members with new ways of conducting business (e.g., blogging, use of social networks such as LinkedIn)
  - reinforce potential “power groups” with EBBE to increase referrals
4. **Membership fees (\$125) are due by the end of February.**
5. Next **“After 5” EBBE social event** is Tuesday, February 10 at Uno-Chicago Grill, 820 West Columbus Ave, Springfield near Basketball Hall of Fame.
6. Next **Springfield Chamber of Commerce After 5 event** is Wednesday, February 11 at Tower Square.
7. **Next EBBE meeting is February 12 at 7:15 am.**

Submitted by Jim Moran- 2/7/09