Puerto Rico Winter 2009 minutes reviewed:
President Gary Weller calls for a motion to accept minutes from last meeting. Michelle Hoferer made motion to approve. Mark Sawyer second.

Financial Report:
Tim Buechel read the treasurer’s report. Reported for period ending 8/29/09 that we have a balance in our account of $37,068.63. Interest income of $18.06. Total revenue is $26,870.70. Dues receivable are $8,368.32. Tim Buechel calls for a motion to accept treasurer’s report. Gary Ballerini makes a motion to accept treasurer’s report. Michelle Hoferer second. Motion passed.

Future Meeting Sites:
Gary Weller asks for an update on upcoming meetings...
Scranton, PA Meeting. Butch Coleman spoke about Fall 2010 meeting. The dates are October 3rd – 6th, 2010. Meeting will be held at Hilton Hotel and Conference Center. A coal mine tour is possible.

Butch Coleman suggested Amphitheatre room for their round table discussion. A raise of hands for this room was approved.

Gary Weller and Pam Pines asked about closest airport. Closest airport is Wilkes-Barre International Airport in Scranton, PA.

Gary Weller asked for 2011 host. Possibilities are:
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2. Chicago, IL. To be hosted by
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Updates on website were discussed.
Brian Porto and Frank Bell have updated with new information and pictures. If we have changes, send an e-mail to Brian Porto and they will update quarterly. Book and minutes will be on website.
Allied Stone website is: alliedstone.com
User Name............... alliedstone
Password............... alliedstone1$
New Members are:
Montana Rockworks, Inc., Bill Carter

Recent Resignations are:
1. Bergen Brick, Stone & Tile Co.
2. Lang Stone

Gary Weller introduced guests and new member, Bill Carter of Montana Rockworks.
- Bill Carter, Montana Rockworks gave a short overview of his company. He also spoke about a new product that he is marketing.
- Paul Swencki, guest of Fred Van Ness of Van Ness Stone said hello.
- Louie Zamaroni and Howard Lasker from Wheeler-Zamaroni, guest of George Schofield.
- Hegarty & Sons (change of ownership) Greg Janowicz, new owner and Vic LeCause, former owner.

New Business
Gary Weller presented the following new officers and directors:

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There are (5) new board members.

Gary Stroeing spoke about the changes and the replacements.

Gary Weller asked for motion to agree on nominations. Ranier Devido made motion. Mike Beckman second motion. All in favor, vote was approved.

Check-off program and Natural Stone Council discussion:
Gary Weller spoke about the check-off program being on hold. Allied Stone Industry has a $10,000.00 pledge to Natural Stone Council.
Allied Stone Industry reps are Ed Walsh and Mark Fernandez.

Gary Weller read the resignation letter from Ed Walsh of the Natural Stone Council board e-mailed to Gary September 19, 2009:

A.S.I. Board Members—This letter will serve as my resignation as one of your representatives on the Natural Stone Council board. I have served in that capacity since the N.S.C. board was formed and feel it’s time to step aside and have other A.S.I. members serve in that capacity. My time on the N.S.C. board has been a great experience for me personally and professionally. Watching the N.S.C. evolve and grow from a concept to its current form has given me great pleasure and I strongly believe in its mission to unite the industry in promoting the understanding of and preference for natural stone. The A.S.I. was the first organization to fund the N.S.C. and I’m very proud of the A.S.I. for doing that. I would also be remiss for not voicing my disappointment in the A.S.I.’s recent decision to not pursue the possibility of a check-off program. Voting no on the implementation of the program is one thing, but rejecting the investigation of its possibilities is another thing. Don’t let complacency and unsubstantiated fear undo the hard work and accomplishments of the N.S.C.

I will attend the N.S.C. board meeting in Las Vegas on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 and introduce your new representative. Have him/her call me for particulars.

The check-off program is on hold, the branding and green initiatives are fulfilling their commitments for 2009. The N.S.C. board will vote in Las Vegas on the future initiatives and their projected costs.

A.S.I. needs at least (1) new representative to replace Ed Walsh.

Gary Weller read Mark Fernandez, representative for the Natural Stone Council’s e-mail from September 19, 2009:

I would like to finish what we started Gary. John Mattke and I have 2 pretty important meetings in Verona this year where we are looking to get global participation in our programs. I believe 6 or so countries will be represented. It seemed like the meeting with the B.S.I. members went much better than expected also. Obviously it’s the board’s decision.
Possible Natural Stone Council candidates are:
   Mark Fernandez
   Brad Poynter
   Brian Porto
   Dennis Buechel

Vote for 2 candidates...
   The candidate with the majority of votes will be a (3) year term
   The candidate in 2nd place will be a (2) year term

Butch Coleman asked when Mark Fernandez term expired. Gary Weller did not have an answer.

Gary Weller opened the floor for discussion.

Asked for show of hands if members were behind the Natural Stone Council on the following mandates:
   Genuine Stone/Branding Campaign   Unanimous
   Sustainability Position Initiative   Unanimous

Brian Porto declined the nomination as a possible candidate. He endorses Brad Poynter and Dennis Buechel. Brian spoke about his concern about the lack of communication by the present representatives, hence the need for new representatives to replace Ed Walsh and Mark Fernandez.

Brian Porto spoke about how the check-off program issue came about.

Dennis Buechel asked if Natural Stone Council would have a check-off program on imported material only.

There was much discussion about the check-off program. Most of the members, if not entirely, opposed to the program.

Dave Fell spoke about new ways to raise financial support for the Natural Council and asked for possible fund raising alternatives.

Brad Poynter spoke that the Natural Stone Council is going to Verona, Italy to try to get funding from imported overseas stone products.

Gary Weller: If the Natural Stone Council does not come up with a funding mechanism, it will cease to exist.

Bill Halquist spoke about merging the A.S.I. and B.S.I., and why he saw a need for it.

Gary Weller spoke about that merger issue being voted down in St. Louis.
Tim Buechel spoke that the B.S.I. is also marketing to the high end user thru architects.

Gary Weller asked for show of hands if the A.S.I. members would like to pursue possible funding to the Natural Stone Council.

Short Break: 9:40 am
Reconvene: 10:03 am

Gary Weller asked for vote for future 2011 meeting site...
There will be a fax vote after the meeting by the entire membership. Brian Porto may do it by e-mail in lieu of fax.)

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Gary Weller asked for a hand vote for Natural Stone Council issues...
All in favor but 1
Opposed - 1

If Natural Stone Council puts check-off program on the table, who is in favor of it?
   Show of hands in favor - 21
   Show of hands opposed - 18

Gary Weller asked if anymore nominees for board position on the Natural Stone Council? Answer: NO

Meeting adjourned 10:46 A.M.
Allied Stone Industry Membership Meeting September 23, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Gary Weller at 7:59 A.M.

Gary Weller asked members to seek guests and possible new members. Our membership is approximately 65, so we have room for 10 more new members.

Discussed vote results for the Natural Stone Council representatives per chart below:

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Roundtable Discussion:

Fieldstone Center, Inc.: Brad Poynter thanked membership for their confidence in voting him for Natural Stone Council representative.

New Mexico Travertine, Inc.: Jim Lardner spoke about pool decks failing around salt water pools.

Adirondack Natural Stone, LLC: Andre’ Hagadorn has picked up a line of foreign machinery that he uses and sells.

Montana Rockworks, Inc.: Bill Carter put Montana Rockworks into the pool of consideration for our 2011 event.

Wheeler-Zamaroni: Howard Lasker mentioned the idea of focus groups with the A.I.A. and C.S.I.

Endless Mountain Stone: Butch Coleman discussed the MSHA “104D” citation he received and the challenge he had getting it to a “104A” citation.

End of round table
Craig Kisser brought up the idea of advertising our association to the industry via trade magazines.

Howard Lasker passed out a piece created by the B.S.I. on NTV. He has a customer using the doc as a handout to their customer's.

Gary Weller briefly discussed the path of becoming a member of the A.S.I. and encouraged all members to invite guests to the next association meeting.

Gary Stroeing spoke about "workforce development".

Jim Lardner thanked Gary Weller for his years of service in the A.S.I.

Dennis Buechel spoke about the "C18" committee on NTV and handed out information to those interested in joining or finding out more.

Gary Weller said he had had no problems with his salt water pool... decked with K. Mckay's quartzite. Rolling Rock, however, has replaced product damaged by salt water pools in the spirit of cooperation.

Gary also mentioned how hard the salt is on the system's components.

Gary Balerini mentioned that when setting Indiana limestone as decking, white Portland should be used, and sealing the stone is recommended.

Gary Stroeing mentioned that driving people towards our website via plugs in industry trade journals might be a good idea.....we had show of hands in favor of this and the support was complete. Gary is to place bits.

Michelle Hoferer mentioned that a "pop up" on becoming a member on the home page of the A.S.I.'s site, might be something to consider.

Gary Weller thanked membership for the opportunity to serve as an officer over the past years and thanked Pine Stone Company for hosting the convention.

Meeting closes at 9:46 A.M.