



**Professional Association for SQL Server
Board of Directors Meeting**

Teleconference – August 9, 2012
2:00 pm Pacific Time

Attendees: Adam Jorgensen, Allen Kinsel, Denise McInerney, James Rowland-Jones, Kendal Van Dyke, Thomas LaRock, Douglas McDowell, Bill Graziano, Rick Bolesta, Neil Buchwalter, Jennifer Moser, Lara Rubbelke

Not in attendance: Raoul Illyés, Mark Souza, Rob Farley, Rushabh Mehta, Judy Christianson, Craig Ellis

Agenda for Discussion:

1. July Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. Anti-Harassment Policy
3. Microsoft Representative
4. Certification

Meeting Minutes

1. July Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Motion To approve version 2 of the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held July 12, 2012

Motion: Douglas McDowell
Second: Bill Graziano

Adam Jorgensen	Yes
Allen Kinsel	Yes
Denise McInerney	Yes
James Rowland-Jones	Yes
Kendal Van Dyke	Yes
Rob Farley	Did Not Vote
Rick Bolesta	Yes
Neil Buchwalter	Yes
Jennifer Moser	Yes
Lara Rubbelke	Yes
Thomas LaRock	Did Not Vote
Rushabh Mehta	Did Not Vote

Motion passed (11 yes, 0 no, 3 did not vote).

2. Anti-Harassment Policy

Denise McInerney had revised the Anti-Harassment policy to incorporate feedback from the Board.

Motion To adopt the PASS Summit Anti-Harassment policy version 11 dated July 23, 2012 to be in effect for all future PASS Summits starting with Summit 2012.

Motion: Denise McInerney
Second: Douglas McDowell

Adam Jorgensen	Yes
Allen Kinsel	Yes
James Rowland-Jones	Yes
Kendal Van Dyke	Yes
Rob Farley	Did Not Vote
Rick Bolesta	Yes
Neil Buchwalter	Yes
Jennifer Moser	Yes
Lara Rubbelke	Yes
Thomas LaRock	Yes
Bill Graziano	Yes
Rushabh Mehta	Did Not Vote

Motion passed (12 yes, 0 no, 2 did not vote).

3. Microsoft Representative

As follow up to the official email announcement, Bill Graziano welcomed Lara Rubbelke as the official Microsoft representative on the Board of Directors, replacing Mark Souza. Bill thanked Mark for all his hard work on the Board and for the offer to stay on and work in any capacity PASS requires. Mark will remain on the Board email list.

4. Certification

Jennifer Moser updated the Board on the certification proposal first discussed at the May Board meeting. While Jennifer has reached out to Chris Testa-O'Neil she needs a Board volunteer for the project.

A new development is the possibility of onsite testing at Summit. There are new MCSA and MCSE exams available and Microsoft would also like to launch the new SQL 2012 MCS Master exams at Summit. Microsoft will be willing to fund the hardware, staffing and other items in this program.

There was discussion on holding education sessions for the exams. Bill Graziano noted there was space for testing previously at Summit. He felt setting up education sessions would be harder. Kendal Van Dyke wanted to know if there was reduced cost for the certifications if taken at Summit. Jennifer noted exam crams lead to higher exam pick up rates. Kendal suggested exam crams would compromise the integrity of the exams but that workshops on how to best prepare for exams would be more beneficial. Adam Jorgensen suggested onsite exam prep would be more beneficial than actual exams and preferred the workshops be held on pre-cons days. Jennifer said for international participants there are limited opportunities to take these exams. JRJ noted international participants are often at Summit earlier and would be able to participate on Sunday.

Action Jennifer is to reach out to Anika Polisenno regarding logistics and costs of having testing on site. Jennifer will look into the possibility of reduced cost certifications. Interested Board volunteers are to contact Jennifer.

5. Next Meeting

Teleconference at 2:00 pm Pacific Time on August 23, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm pacific time.