

**Chapter Organizing Call  
Tuesday, December 9, 2008  
Meeting Minutes**

1. **Welcome**

**Paulina Migalska (SEA National)** welcomed attendees to the call. She gathered the participants' input on whether or not to continue the monthly chapter calls. Participants agreed that calls bring value to the Chapter Building Initiative by providing an opportunity to connect with others spearheading the effort and asked that SEA continue the calls.

**As such, the next call will take place on Tuesday, January 13 at 4 pm EST.**

2. **Opening Round Introductions / Participants share their burning questions/updates for the dialogue**

**Marc J. Lane (SEA-Chicago)**

Working with the chapter subcommittee to adopt chapter bylaws and cultivate chapter board. The chapter is planning two events: (1) concerning the L3C and plans to implement the regulation in the state of Illinois, and (2) joint networking with the Donors Forum.

**Chris Miller (SEA-St. Louis)**

Continuing to work on the Nonprofit Business Plan competitions and planning further workshops. The competition is gaining in popularity as evidenced by applications from nonprofits who would not have considered applying before. Although the competition is not officially run by the SEA-St. Louis Chapter, a number of SEA members are involved in the initiative.

**Adam Stepanovic (SEA-Albuquerque exploratory group)**

Interested in building a SEA Chapter in New Mexico, which is sparsely populated and therefore somewhat challenging. Adam is especially interested in the ways to outreach to rural communities and tribal communities.

**Anne Wunderli (SEA-Boston exploratory group)**

Planning content for February 2009 meeting as well as planning a joint event with Bentley College in April 2009. Continue to try to build enthusiasm through tools such as LinkedIn.

3. **Content:**

a. **Agenda items carried over from previous meeting:**

i. **SEA Chapters and Summit 2009 programming**

SEA has received and is in the process of reviewing a session proposal on Chapters submitted by Chris Miller (SEA-St. Louis) and John Herron (SEA-Mid-Atlantic)

SEA staff is planning an informal gathering for chapter leaders at the Summit. Details TBA.

ii. **Summit Social Network & Chapter participation**

Chapter leaders are invited to create Chapter Profiles as part of the online [Summit 2009 Social Network](#). To learn more, please

contact Paulina ([paulina@se-alliance.org](mailto:paulina@se-alliance.org)) or Sarah ([sarah@se-alliance.org](mailto:sarah@se-alliance.org)).

**b. Updates from SEA**

**i. SEA Chapter Building Initiative Listserve**

Chapter leaders are invited to join and actively use the listserv.

**ii. SEA website and Chapters**

Chapter leaders at all level of chapter building stages are invited to request being listed at the SEA website pages for chapters: [http://www.se-alliance.org/membership CHAPTERS.cfm](http://www.se-alliance.org/membership_CHAPTERS.cfm)

**iii. SEA educational teleconferences**

SEA just completed a series of fall teleconferences on topics relevant to social enterprise practitioners and seeking input and ideas for future calls. Please email Paulina at [paulina@se-alliance.org](mailto:paulina@se-alliance.org) with suggestions.

**iv. Social Enterprise Summit 2009**

Paulina reminded participants about the opportunity to register early during the Early Bird (deadline January 7, 2009) for Enterpriser members and above and save.

**v. Holiday list of Social Enterprise gifts**

SEA is publishing a list of socially responsible Holiday gift ideas offered by SEA members on its website and through the December issue of the Enterprising Voice newsletter.

Participants liked the idea but requested that SEA begins the effort earlier next year to allow people more time for idea submission and shopping time.

**vi. Policy Committee and Chapter participation**

Paulina thanked participants for submitting applications to the chapter seat on SEA's new Policy Committee. The committee will review the applications in January and will inform candidates promptly.

**Marc Lane (SEA-Chicago)** remarked that he is involved in the efforts to lobby the general assembly of the State of Illinois to adopt L3C.

**Chris Miller (SEA-St. Louis)** expressed interested in the efforts in Chicago.

**vii. Closing round feedback – feedback on the meeting/final thoughts**

**Chris Miller (SEA-St. Louis)** remarked that the more people attend these calls the better and suggest additional outreach such as the end of SEA Member call.

Paulina thanked everyone for participating and for the continued efforts to build robust SEA Chapters across the country.