Email Meeting 3/30/2012

Proposal by Tim Arheit, Secretary:
I've had several requests if we can accept online payments for membership, registration for meetings, etc. and have discussed it with the executive officers, particularly with the treasurer who would be handling the money.

So, I'd like to make the proposal that we get set up to accept registration online. Both for membership and meetings. If we want to get setup before the summer meeting we need to get moving on this now and it probably can't wait until the next board meeting. If you think we need more discussion on it before making a motion let me know and we'll just table it and present it at the next meeting and then shoot for the fall.

I've received several requests for online membership applications, meeting reservations, etc. To do this we will need to have some form of merchant account to allow for receiving payments by credit card.

The simplest to integrate and probably the cheapest would be to use paypal for our merchant account.

  Monthly Fees: none
  Setup Fee: none
  Transaction fee: 2.9% + $0.30  (For example: A payment of $15  would cost $0.74.  This is in line with other merchant accounts accepting online payments.)
  There are transaction fee discounts starting when your monthly income exceeds $3000, or for 501.3c charities.
  Transfer fee (cost of transferring money to our bank account): none.

In short, we only incur a fee when we receive a payment. Most merchant accounts have additional monthly fees, statement fees, etc. It does allow for multiple individuals to have access to the online account. I would recommend giving access to the treasurer, secretary (to record membership applications) and webmaster (to allow for integration with the website to accept payments). Reports are also available for download for the treasurers use. It will require our bank account number to transfer money to our bank account, and our tax id (EIN) to establish the account (If we don't have an EIN we can obtain one easily for no charge I believe).

With this setup we can accept memberships online, pre-register for meetings, accept donations and collect money for any other purpose for OSBA.
Votes should be sent to the Secretary, Tim Arheit

**Votes:**
Dana Stahlman: Yes
Tracy Alarcon: Yes
Joe Kovaleski: Yes
Dwight Wilson: Yes
Alex Zomchek: Yes
Sam Hammett: Yes
Dan Bollett: Yes
Kimberly Flippen: Yes
Richard Manley: Yes

9 votes in favor, 0 against received by 4/5/2012 and satisfies a minimum quorum. Motion passes.