

## **NFRBMEA Board Conference Call**

April 26, 2006 • 2:00 p.m. CDT

The meeting was called to order by President Tim. Board members participating in conference call: Tim Holtquist, Ron Dvergsten, John Woodford, Jim Kelm, Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, Jay Olson, Rich Baumann, Tom Weygandt and Luke Baker.

Discussion about prospective officer candidates was held. Nominations include:  
John Hobert- Secretary or Treasurer candidate  
President- Elect currently open  
Secretary or Treasurer - currently needs candidate

Members shared good news happening in their lives or careers: John Woodford visited Maui in February, Jay Olson visited Hawaii in October, Wayne & Deb survived analysis season, Ron Dvergsten completed Farm Wives Session classes funded by a grant, and Jay Olson reported North Dakota receiving a 750,000 grant total for a 3-year period.

John Woodford presented the Treasurer's Report. Received \$1100.00 from Crop insurance for First Timer's scholarship funding of 2005 Conference;  
Received \$500.00 from Crop Insurance for Exchange of Ideas on 10/3/05 to fund 2005 Conference Exchange of Ideas. John Woodford moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ron Dvergsten seconded. Passed.

Webmaster/Nuts and Bolts Report: Deb reported 13,373 visitors. Wayne said next deadline for Nuts & Bolts is "promptly".

Wayne gave the Membership Secretary's Report. There are 24 Affiliate members, 157 Regular members and 1 Honorary Lifetime member, for a total of 182 members. The membership fee for Regular members is \$30.00 and membership for Affiliate members is \$10.00.

Jim, Doug, Gary, and Tim gave a 2006 Conference Update.

Wayne reported on Clark Hanson's January email. Tom Weygandt remarked that the report looked acceptable. Tim Holtquist will follow up on Clark's e-mail that funding is becoming increasingly more important. Tom Weygandt affirmed Distance learning is more necessary with increased distances more of a concern. Ron Dvergsten is working to combine with other organizations as it seems this is more necessary to enhance our offerings. Tom Weygandt commented that a level of trust is important in long-term relationships. Jim Kelm moved to accept MOU with Dr Hansen, second by Ron Dvergsten. Passed.

Tim Holtquist recommended we hold Board Meeting from 9:00 to 4:00 Monday June 4, 2006.

An update of the Secretary's minutes were reviewed and submitted by Luke Baker. John Woodford moved to accept Secretary's minutes; Jim Kelm, second. Passed.

Luke will email Charles Duell by May 1 for information on "Roll Call of States" format. He will need

to get the contact list from Charles, have printed copies available for state displays, and have representatives from each state briefly highlight happenings of state activities during the annual meeting.

Jay Olson reported on the 2006 Exchange of Ideas. So far, there have been four submissions- Don Roberts, Wayne Pike, Gary Thome and John Hobert. The activity will be held Wednesday morning. Exchange of Ideas submissions should be sent to Jay Olson by May 8.

Jay reviewed the First Timers Scholarship Process. So far there are three First Timer applicants from Minnesota and one from North Dakota. Scholarships awarded to five first- time conference attendees to apply (one from each state) based on postmark. First Timer's Scholarship will equal the cost of registration. Membership dues are to be paid by attendee. Amount of scholarship will be \$225.00 per recipient for 2006.

Laurie Morris reported that she will give the Historian's Report in the form of a Powerpoint slideshow at during the conference.

Final Conference 2006 planning meeting to be held in Ames, Iowa on May 11. Other notes on the upcoming conference:

- preliminary attendee numbers are comparable to 2005 or slightly higher
- Spouse's basic registration is to be \$25.00
- Copies of completed registration forms should be submitted to the Conference Treasurer to clarify who registers for what program. There is a concern about using credit cards to register for NFRBMEA Conference. The fee for processing credit card transactions may be too pricey for processing only a few.
- Jay Olson has contacted Rick Ulrich and talked to Dr Doug Hedley to be speaker for Wednesday luncheon. Dr Hedley and Rich Ulrich want an additional separate room for additional follow-up comments and discussion.
- Check agenda.
- State displays are used By NAFBAS, NFRBMEA may want to set up displays (individual states like Minnesota, North Dakota, Colorado, South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Oregon)
- Tim to be in charge of business meeting on Monday of conference.
- Jay Olson in charge of First Timer's Breakfast. All First Timer's required to attend.
- Roger McEowen will be Wednesday speaker.

Awards and Gifts: Wayne & Deb will obtain board plaques for Ron Dvergsten, John Woodford, Jim Kelm, Luke Baker, and Tom Weygandt; Jim Kelm will award Distinguished Service Awards to Ron Dvergsten and Bob Rhea; Treasurer John Woodford will get conference gifts.

Vendors may not distribute material on tables in meeting areas unless they want to sponsor entire activity, such as a breakfast, meal, etc. List Available to vendors and attendees inquired by Bob McHugh, consensus OK.

2007 Conference planners will meet Wednesday, May 6.

Conference evaluations for both organizations will be gathered on Wednesday June 7, 2006, and the Post-Conference Board Meeting will be held following conference on Thursday, June 8.

Tentative date for Fall Board Meeting set for September 27-29 2006 in Rochester, MN.

Roll Call Business Session Tuesday June 6, 3:45 business meeting.

Rich Baumann gave the National Council Report.

1. Suggestions were given to become more politically active to enhance future of organization.
2. Increased growth needs increased funding.
3. The "25-25 Program" encourages the 25% use of ethanol and bio-fuels by the year 2025.
4. Perkins Act- the two-year cycle of Congress may not be acted on till June. Hope to take action on it in this session. If not, it will need to be resubmitted and start over next year.
5. Benefits of council membership? Need to be recognized as part of educational process. Membership activity is important.

Other reports given during this call were the Industry Relations update by Ron Dvergsten and the Resource Library update by Deb Pike.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. CDT.

Recorded by Luke Baker