

***NFRBMEA - NAFBAS Joint Pre-Conference Board Meeting
June 11, 2007 4:12 pm CDT***

The Joint Board Meeting of NFRBMEA/NAFBAS was called to order by NFRBMEA President Jay Olson and Bob Rhea of NAFBAS at 4:12 PM on Monday, June 11, 2007.

Tim Holtquist has agreed to be meeting chair. Bob Rhea reviewed the meeting agenda. Special attention should be placed on our MOU and our next several Joint Conferences.

2008 Conference at Fresno, CA: Q and A from Pat Harrington. Lyle Stewart from AgrowKnowledge talked about his agency will issue \$300 to each participant.

Discussion was held on our MOU. NFRBMEA President Olson stated his organization has approved this to extend for another three years. NAFBAS's Lynn Kopitzke stated his organization also has voted to extend the MOU. Lynn wanted to alternate conference hosting. 2008 is NAFBAS, 2009 is hosted by NFRBMEA.

How do we handle the Treasurer duties? What do we do if we have a profit from this conference? Right now our conference checkbook is handled by our Treasurer, Doug Wertish. Proposed idea is to put the profit into a money market for future use of both organizations.

Lynn suggested continuing our National Farm Management Conference approach. Take the seed money out and leave the rest in this account to be used as needed.

Bob Rhea suggested the following:

- approve MOU
- approve committee to seek sponsorship/fund raising efforts
- approve a committee to seek 2009 conference site

Tom Thaden moved to approve the MOU as revised, seconded by Jay Olson. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Pat Harrington to form a Joint Fundraising Committee of three from each organization to be in charge of sponsorship and fundraising, seconded by John Hobert. Discussion was held on how important experience was in getting this job accomplished. Motion passed.

Hobert moved to keep \$5000 for seed money and split the rest of the conference profits between the two organizations, seconded by Harrington. Motion passed.

Bob Rhea led discussion on the 2009 conference site. St. Louis, MO was suggested.

Bob Rhea led discussion on the USDA Committee of Six Phone Conference. USDA is open to our organization since they see the leadership our groups have.

Bob Rhea presented his idea of a National Farm Management Summit, to be done in combination with our Fall Board meeting. Board asked Bob to continue working on this idea.

Motion made by Lynn Kopitzke to keep the name of our conferences to "National Farm Management Conference", second by Tim Holtquist, motion passed.

The joint board adjourned at 5:30 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Morgan
NFRBMEA Secretary