

NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting
September 28 & 29, 2009
U of MN Campus Classroom Office Building • St. Paul, MN

Attending: President Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, Rick Morgan, Jay M. Olson, Virgil Dagman, Dan Hoffman, Jay D. Olsen, Doug Wertish, and Paul Gorman. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Jay M. Olson, moved to extend the First Timer's meeting to include all first time attendees from NFRBMEA and NAFBAS, and any first-time conference attendees from the Northwest Extension group for the 2010 Conference in Fargo. Seconded by Virgil Dagman; motion passed.

The NFRBMEA board approved a recommendation on a conference level to include NAFBAS in the Exchange of Ideas activity. Dan Hoffman moved, second by Jay M. Olson; motion passed.

Should dues be combined with registration, is it worth the hassle? The problem is the Excel spreadsheet from CFFM does not reconcile dollars with number of registrations, which has been an ongoing challenge. The benefit for online registration is that when membership is included with conference registration, individuals have an easier time with their school's administration to pay for annual dues when the dues are part of conference registration. Doug will take time today to work with Eliza from CFFM to work out questions and problems identified in the two past conferences.

Treasurer's remuneration for conference work was not brought up in previous meetings with the conference planners. Jay M. Olson moved to recommend to the Joint Board that the Conference Treasurer be compensated \$500 by June 30 following each conference, with a retroactive payment to be made for the 2009 conference. Deb Pike seconded, motion passed.

Wayne volunteered to act as a provisional 2011 Conference Planner.

Rick reviewed possible options for Monday and Tuesday evening activities. IABME offered to be a conference sponsor with a speaker or a meal and break. They would like to integrate more IABME activities with conference activities that meet their needs.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM and moved to Room 119 for the Joint NFRBMEA-NAFBAS Board meeting.

The Board meeting reconvened September 29, 2009 at 10:20 AM. Wayne asked President Elect Al Graner and Past President Paul Gorman to serve on a combined committee to work with NAFBAS on combining NFRBMEA's Exchange of Ideas with NAFBAS's Professional Papers.

NFRBMEA representatives for the 2011 Planning committee will be Wayne Pike, Al Graner and Rick Morgan. They will have a site visit to Nashville on Oct. 29 – 30, 2009.

NFRBMEA has never had a reimbursement policy. Wayne Pike asked if it was something that should be pursued. Consensus is that we should have one. Wayne asked Treasurer Doug Wertish, Paul Gorman, and Dan Hoffman serve on a committee to develop a policy, Doug acting as chair. The committee will report at the next webinar board meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Proposed By-law changes involve eliminating some officer positions and adding some new ones with new job descriptions. All proposed changes were reviewed and discussed with a major discussion centering on adding a item in Section 4 under "Board of Directors" to address the need to grant authority for entering into contractual agreements for the association. Additional minor wording changes were made. Wayne will rewrite the changes and make them available to the board for the January Webinar Board meeting.

Wayne handed out a list of previous Distinguished Service Award recipients and a draft of the proposed job descriptions. Wayne asked to be excused to attend to a prior commitment and turned the meeting over to President Elect Al Graner.

Al Graner asked Jay M. Olson to report on the National Council. Jay reported that the Council, together with AgroKnowledge support, is putting together a directory of post secondary education people. Jay indicated that at next year's fall board meeting (Fall 2010) a new Council representative will need to be selected. By September 2010 applications for potential candidates should be accumulated in preparation for the board to select a new representative at the Fall 2010 Board meeting. A question was asked about NFRBMEA's benefit from their annual payment of \$1600 to the National Council. In response, the point was made that our representative is the only voice for adult farm business management education represented at the National Council and it allows us a place for national representation for adult farm business education.

The IABME report was covered in the Joint Board meeting. Tom Weygandt had nothing new to add.

Jim Kelm indicated that the Distinguished Service Award has never been given to CFFM. The Board felt that CFFM or individuals within CFFM should be considered for receiving the award in 2010.

Jay D. Olsen passed out the Secretary's Report, Rick Morgan moved to accept the Secretary's Report; second by Virgil Dagman, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Wertish distributed and reviewed the NFRBMEA Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss and IABME's Profit & Loss. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Paul Gorman and seconded by Rick Morgan. Motion passed.

Membership Secretary's Report: Virgil Dagman passed out a report of total members by state, compared to previous years. Those who did not attend the conference and paid their dues with their registrations received a letter inviting them to pay their dues. Response has been good with membership dues continuing to come in. Motion to adopt the membership report made by Rick Morgan, second by Jay D. Olsen. Motion passed.

The Historian/Nuts & Bolts Editor's report was given by Dan Hoffman, who indicated that most of the newsletters go out as electronic copies with a few still mailed out to those who do not have electronic access. He continues to store the box of historical information that Laurie Morris left with him and he will gladly pass it on to the next Historian. Rick Morgan moved to accept the Historian/Nuts & Bolts Editor's report. Paul Gorman seconded and the motion passed.

Al Graner asked for any more business. Paul Gorman indicated that two committees need to be revitalized: Industry Relations, and Resource Committee. He recommended that committee members come from outside the board and include some younger members. These committee needs should be included on the January board meeting agenda. Paul also suggested we contact previous members who have not paid dues and invite them to pay their dues and renew their membership.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:30 – 8:30 AM: 2010 Conference Planning Committee webinar
- Tuesday, Jan. 5, 8:00 – 9:30 AM: Board Meeting webinar
- April 2101: Spring Board Webinar (date TBD)

A motion to adjourn was made by Jay D. Olsen and seconded by Dan Hoffman. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay D. Olsen
NFRBMEA Secretary