

NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2012, 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Olsen at 9:14 a.m.

Those present were Deb Pike, Wayne Pike, Myron Oftedahl, Jay D. Olsen, Al Graner, Jim McCuistion, Ira Beckman and Doug Wertish. Arriving later, Jim Kelm and Tom Weygandt.

Jim McCuistion read the minutes from the spring conference call with no additions or corrections. A Roll Call of States was sent out previously and Doug said eight states were represented in the NFRBMEA registration. Discussion led to the stability and instructor numbers in the present active states as well as those that have not reported lately. During the Annual Business meeting it is suggested that we ask for information to other states about potential members for the future.

Myron's Treasurer Report consisted of the budget presented in the Annual Report and how it will be explained and supported by the Board. There were a couple of adjustments to be made before the presentation to the Annual Business meeting. Ira mentioned that having a national sponsor specifically for the NFRBMEA on an annual basis would help resolve the negative budget projection. Myron suggested a raise in membership dues for 2013-14. Doug pointed out some of the fundraising needs and new procedures that would benefit the Conference if the agenda was provided to sponsors as early as November. NFRBMEA should identify a dedicated coordinator of fundraising to work together with a member of NAFBAS on Conference fundraising.

The National Council Report, given by Ira, highlighted the importance and advantages to the association. As previously explained in the fall meeting, the context of representatives to the Council has changed and our association is one of nine representatives giving us a bigger voice. A doubled dues fee is the result of reorganization, and the Board discussed how to best present this increased budget to the membership at the Business meeting. Some of the advantages of the Council that were in the report on the website could be presented.

A recess was taken at 10:31 a.m. to help prepare Conference notebooks.

The meeting resumed at 11:14 a.m. Al Graner moved and Ira seconded to recommend to the members at the Business meeting to increase dues from \$30 to \$40. Motion passed.

Jim Kelm discussed the occasional confusion and assumptions that are made while preparing a National Conference. His thoughts are insights for those who might have the responsibilities of preparing for a future conference. He went over the progression of items just prior to this conference and said it looked like everything was on schedule to go. As those who have prepared a National Conference know, it takes many persons to implement the multiple items on the schedule. This led to the need for a person from each group to head national fundraising, which is under the Industry Relations Committee.

Communication Director's Report: there were 113 members as of 3-1-12 and eleven were added during registration to Conference. This would total 124 members, with 65 of those registered for this year's conference.

The IABME report given by Tom Weygandt stated there is no money left from grant for the program. The group discussed the possibilities of reorganizing and finding future funding for another program on the same format because of the need to mentor and train new instructors.

Final discussion of the meeting was on Conference logistics and budget items.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McCuiston
NFRBMEA Secretary