

**NFRBMEA Winter Board Meeting
Via Webex January 5, 2010 8:00 AM CST**

Attending: Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, Jay D. Olsen, Paul Gorman, Virgil Dagman, Dan Hoffman, Doug Wertish, Jay M. Olson, Tom Weygandt. Excused: John Hobert, Rick Morgan and Al Graner.

President Wayne Pike called the meeting to order. He presented the agenda-- no additions or changes or additions were made.

Wayne said that Rick Morgan reported that the 2010 Conference Planners have met via Webex a couple of times. The agenda is taking its final shape, with the goal of getting it on the web as soon as possible.

Wayne also said that John Hobert reported that fundraising to be on track. Contacts have been made with previous sponsors, but as of yet it is too early for any commitments to be made.

Secretary's Report: Jay D. Olsen indicated that the fall board meeting minutes are on the web, and the part of the joint board meeting minutes that he had were emailed. Deb said she would post them to the website soon.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Wertish emailed his report this morning just prior to the Webex board meeting. NFRBMEA, IABME, and National Conference account balances are in good shape. Comparisons to last year show NFRBMEA checking account down about a \$1000.00, not including IABME grant money.

Membership Secretary's Report: Virgil Dagman emailed his report the day before, which shows member numbers by state. There are 111 regular members compared to 109 last year, and there are 7 affiliate members this year, compared to 29 last year. Virgil's report also included an updated list of members who paid their dues after August 1, 2009. Paul asked if those who have not paid can be identified by state, and a personal contact made. Deb will send a list of unpaid members by states other than Minnesota to Virgil, and he will find a way to make contact with someone from each state and invite them to contact those within their state that are on the list. A list of unpaid Minnesota members will also be compiled in hopes that more dues can be collected at the Ag Tech conference in St. Cloud later in January.

Historian/Nuts & Bolts Editor Report: Dan Hoffman indicated that information he has received is getting out, and invited anyone with information or happenings to submit it to him or Deb for getting in the next issues of Nuts & Bolts Real-Time Update.

Web Manager/Nuts & Bolts Co-Editor Report: Deb Pike is hoping to include a dues reminder and invitation to join, a report of the site visit to Nashville for the 2011 conference, and National Council and IABME updates in the next RTU; she also hopes to soon have the agenda posted to the 2010 Conference website

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IABME: Tom Weygandt reported that currently 10 have signed up for the current webinar series, 4 from ND and 6 from WI. Tom indicated that more people could still sign up for the current webinar until this coming Friday; after that, new enrollees would be too far behind to catch up. In

discussion with conference vendors, Tom indicated some have expressed interest in presenting a Webinar for IABME. Tom will work to see what could be useful.

National Council: Jay M. Olson reported that the next meeting will be in early March. Jay invited everyone to think about submitting an application to be nominated to be on the council, as Jay's term expires this year. The appointment of a new representative will be done at the Fall Board Meeting. Jay M. will write an article for the next RTU inviting applications for representing NFRBMEA on the National Council.

Resource Committee: Deb's report included results of the Resource Library use survey conducted at the annual business meeting and a summary of counter statistics for each page of the Resource Library. The Resource Library is being accessed and used, but we are still having difficulty acquiring new content beyond the Exchange of Ideas submissions. Deb will issue another invitation for contributions to the Resource Library in the next RTU.

By-Law Revisions: Wayne presented the proposed by-law changes. The changes mainly deal with the changes to the Board of Directors, with minor wording changes throughout the document and an additional section addressing contracting authority. All proposed changes were emailed to the board last week. Wayne was commended for his work and clarity in identifying the proposed changes. Jay M. made a motion to approve the changes to the by-laws as presented, and Deb seconded. Motion passed.

Job Descriptions: Wayne indicated that job description changes are mainly a result of the by-law changes dealing with the Board of Directors. The changes are not intended to be inclusive of everything that each of us does. It was agreed that in general, everything that each of us does fits within the bullet points in each job description. Paul Gorman moved to adopt this draft of job descriptions. Doug Wertish seconded. Motion passed.

Travel Reimbursement Policy for Board of Directors: The proposed policy was emailed to the board last week. Doug was commended for his work on the policy document. Jay M. Olson moved to approve the policy as presented, and Paul Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

Distinguished Service Award Nominations: A list of past recipients was emailed to board members earlier. Nominations were made and approved for four individuals to receive the Distinguished Service Award. Wayne indicated that additional nominations could be made at the April Board meeting.

Recommendations for Board of Director Positions: Wayne reminded us that we need to be thinking about those that would like to and are willing to serve, or are willing to continue to serve on the Board in preparations for making nominations at the annual meeting. We also need to encourage members from outside of Minnesota to serve on the Board.

Our next Board meeting will be held via Webinar on April 20, 2010 at 8:00 AM CDT.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM CST.

Submitted by,
Jay D. Olsen, NFRBMEA Secretary