

Minutes of the NFRBMEA Spring Board Meeting Webinar

April 20, 2010

Attending: President Wayne Pike, Council Rep Jay M. Olson, Membership Secretary Virgil Dagman, Past President Paul Gorman, Treasurer Doug Wertish, Conference Planning Chair Rick Morgan, Historian Dan Hoffman, Web Manager Deb Pike, President Elect Al Graner and Secretary Jay D. Olsen.

Wayne called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM CDT. He asked for any additional agenda items; no additional items were added.

Jay D. Olsen gave the Secretary's Report and referred to minutes of the past webinar which are on the website.

Doug gave the Treasurer's report. Doug sent the financial reports to everyone last week. The 2011 Nashville Conference's projected revenue is \$7000, which may be optimistic because it is "out of state". The 2010 Fargo Conference revenue will be split between NFRBMEA and NAFBAS; the North Central extension group will not participate in conference revenues.

Virgil gave the Membership Secretary's report. Total membership to date is 114 regular members and 7 associate members. Virgil referred to the letter he emailed to the board for review, and wondered if it should be sent to previous members prior to conference. The board suggested that it might be better to wait to send out dunning letters after the conference.

Deb Pike presented the Web Manager's report and NUTS & BOLTS Co-Editor's report emailed to everyone for review. The conference website and agenda are being updated as needed. A registration gateway page has been added to the conference site which links to the conference registration website. The gateway page also contains reference links to the tour and family program descriptions, as well as the membership form for those who are not able to attend the conference this year. A Ride/Room Share Yahoo group has been set up to coordinate ride and room sharing for the conference. Additionally, two RTUs have been sent out since January, to both members and non-members. Deb is also looking into creating a Facebook presence for NFRBMEA. Dan indicated that Deb has done the lion's share of the NUTS & BOLTS Editor work and that her report covered everything.

Deb reported that the Resource Library has had no new postings. Dan indicated that one instructor tried to make a posting but got discouraged when filling out the application and giving permission for his project to be available for others to use. Wayne indicated that the Resource Library does not take a lot of time to maintain and could effectively be maintained without a lot of effort.

Tom Weygandt did not attend the webinar and Wayne indicated that there were no issues relating to IABME to report.

Jay M. Olson gave the National Council Report. The Council met in Washington for the spring meeting and there were no FBM actions or concerns to report. The national directory is still in the works and is nearing completion. Jay added that we need applications for a new representative, as his term ends January 2011. He also said that a grant for CFFM Benchmarking is approved but the RFA has not been announced yet; hopefully this summer at the conference Kevin Klair can give us an update.

2010 National Conference and Business Meeting Items: Wayne asked which officers were not planning to run again. Doug will not run again as Treasurer, saying four years is long enough for one person to be responsible for

an organization's money. Jay D. Olsen is willing to serve another year as Secretary; Virgil Dagman is also willing to serve another term as Membership Secretary.

Paul will try to find potential candidates from different states, especially outside of MN as possible, when compiling a slate of new officers. He also addressed the Annual Report, saying that he and Deb will work together to gather the information for the conference Annual Report. Paul will also contact those who contribute to the report and give them a deadline for submitting their reports.

Wayne asked if there were any additional Distinguished Service Award nominees. At the last board meeting, 3 recipients were named, no additional names were suggested.

Al has not received any submissions for the Experience Exchange. Wayne suggested that ideally one person for NFRBMEA and one from NAFBAS would be selected to make presentations. It may be a little early to expect any submissions because the general membership first heard about the request in the April RTU. Another email invitation will be sent requesting presentation ideas in the next few days.

Al asked about the specific purpose of the First-Timers Meeting. Wayne indicated that its purpose is to introduce NFRBMEA to NAFBAS and NAFBAS to NFRBMEA, and first time conference attendees, to give them background information on organizations and the conference, and to make them feel welcome.

Wayne reviewed the proposed 2010 Annual Business Meeting agenda. The proposed by-law changes will be addressed in the first business meeting session because it will affect the slate of new officers.

Rick gave the Conference Planners Report. He reported that Deb is regularly updating the agenda on the conference website, and any Minnesota instructors who need to get lodging on the Minnesota side of the river should feel free to do so. The Holiday Inn has no minimum room reservation requirement. Jay M. Olson asked if there was any kind of rate for half or one day attendance for local lenders/farmers etc. Rick said that something could be worked out as needed.

Dan reported on behalf of John Hobert that John has approximately \$20,000 committed towards the conference and checks are beginning to come in.

Wayne asked for any other conference concerns or items that need to be addressed. Dan asked if Rick thought a short slideshow should be shown recapping the conference week, and if so, when to show it. Wayne suggested that it be shown during the 10 a.m. Break prior to the Thursday morning Business Meeting. Dan also suggested that a slideshow loop of the past two years' conferences could be put together and shown sometime during the registration or first informal gathering; Rick will decide when and if it is desired. Dan asked Rick for a list of those serving on the conference planning committee.

Wayne entertained a motion to adjourn. Jay M. Olson moved and Doug Wertish seconded. Motion passed, and meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM .

Respectfully submitted,

Jay D. Olsen, NFRBMEA Secretary