

NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting

June 13, 2010 ♦ Fargo, ND

Members present: Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, Virgil Dagman, Rick Morgan, Al Graner, Paul Gorman, Jay D. Olsen, Tom Weygandt, Dan Hoffman, Doug Wertish and Jay M. Olson. Also present, Ginny Morgan and Vangie Olson.

President Wayne Pike called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. The prepared agenda was followed.

Conference Report: Rick Morgan reported that the Holiday Inn has been great to work with; also Sandy Osborne from NDSU has done a great job with reported numbers to hotel as received from CFFM registration, name tags, and organized the registration process. Rick reported that tour numbers have worked out well for buses for the various tours. Ginny Morgan reported that 37 have signed up for the spouse activities; they may need a bus for Wednesday to get everyone around. Rick also reported on conference fund raising and the budget; fund raising is about \$20,000 and conference registration is at 217, which amounts to approximately another \$18,000 for operating the conference.

Al Graner reported on the Experience Exchange, he indicated they selected two of the four entries. He indicated that the First-Timers gathering/meeting is planned and room assigned for Tuesday morning breakfast. Tom Weygandt reports that there are 13 First-Timers that have participated in IABME and that nine are attending the conference.

Jay D. Olsen reported on the Roll Call of States, there are nine states that sent reports and are in the conference notebook. Opportunity will be given for short verbal reports from all states represented at the business meeting.

Tom Weygandt gave the Institute for Agricultural Business Management Education (IABME) report. He indicated that they have had a good year. Webinars and regional presentations went well. 13 people registered to participate in the Institute (9 of the 13 are registered for the conference). The Wisconsin group of early career instructors was very successful. North Dakota sponsored a group mentoring program that was very successful. Danny Klinefelter will meet with the IABME group on Monday afternoon and expand on his morning presentation topic of "Best Management Practices for Managers". IABME is finishing its second year, and has one more year of Bremer Foundation grant funds. It is looking to continue past the third year with carry-over from the grant. It is felt that the Bremer Foundation would be flexible to extending funds it to a fourth year because of cost management in using funds to run the first three years. Tom will include in the report to the Bremer Foundation any explanation as to why three years of funds will be able to cover a fourth year. The IABME committee will meet today and will consider new committee members.

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Retiring Officers/New officers – Paul Gorman indicated there are three people interested for two positions, Paul anticipates that the Past Presidents will support all three for nomination to run for President Elect and/or Treasurer.

Wayne Pike reported on Distinguished Service Awards. He indicated that three are already selected and that nominations are still open. Wayne Pike distributed copies of the proposed By-Law changes and reviewed the changes and voting procedures. Article Four contains the most changes, and addresses the board organization as recommend by the Past Presidents and presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting in St

Louis. The voting procedure will include Wayne addressing the changes prior to calling for a vote, and it will require a 2/3 vote of the membership in attendance to pass.

The MOU for joint NFRBMEA/NAFBAS conferences expires this year, and needs to be renewed. The board felt the relationship between the two groups has been beneficial. The board will recommend that Doug Wertish remain as the Conference Treasurer for the coming year, and then address who should be the Conference Treasurer at next year's annual conference Joint Board meeting.

Jay D. Olsen gave the Secretary's Report. He indicated that all minutes from the past year are included in NFRBMEA report and no changes are recommended. Motion by Paul Gorman, second by Al Graner to accept the report, motion passed.

Doug Wertish gave the Treasurer's Report and indicated that NFRBMEA, IABME, and Conference accounts are all adequate and that almost all the registration money has been transferred from CFFM to the Conference account. Doug estimates that UMN has about \$10,000 left to move to the Conference account.

Virgil Dagman referred to page 6 of the NFRBMEA Annual Report for membership data. Membership is up 4 from the past year. Affiliate members are down significantly from 23 to 9.

Web Manager/Historian/Editor/Co-editor's Report was given by Deb Pike. Deb reported that there was some activity on the Ride/Room Share Yahoo group for the conference, that ad renewal inquiries went out to past advertisers for the Nuts & Bolts to update their ads and so far two of the three advertisers have responded.

Deb Pike reported on the Resource Committee; she indicated that no new contributions have been added to the Resource Library since last year's conference, but the counters indicate that it is being used. New social media, i.e. "Facebook" and "Twitter" was discussed as possibility to expand exposure of NFRBMEA and could link to the website and the Resource Library. The Resource Committee needs revitalization, and could include those who are already on "Facebook". IABME participants could be good possibilities for participating on the Resource Committee. Wayne will invite members who are already using "Facebook" to volunteer to be on the committee.

Jay M. Olson reported that his term on the National Council will expire at the end of 2010. He indicated that Paul Gorman and Ira Beckman have expressed interest and willingness to represent NFRBMEA on the National Council. Applications will be accepted until September 1 and will be voted on by the board at the fall board meeting.

Wayne Pike reported that annual filing of tax returns and 501(C)3 corporation compliance have been filed as required.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay D. Olsen, NFRBMEA Secretary