

## **NFRBMEA Annual Business Meeting**

### **June 15 & 17, 2010 ♦ Fargo ND**

President Wayne Pike called the meeting to order at 3:55 PM (49 members were present).

Agenda changes included moving item #9 up to #3, before the Secretary's Report; there were no objections to the agenda changes.

Wayne Pike presented the proposed by-law changes; each member present received a copy of the proposed changes. He indicated that the changes have been approved by the Board of Directors. Wayne reviewed each paragraph containing the proposed changes. He explained that the purpose of the proposed changes are to more closely match what is currently occurring in NFRBMEA. Also, the Past Presidents recommended changes to the Officers/Board of Directors. The proposed changes eliminating the Nuts & Bolts Editor, Web Manager & Historian positions, and would include creating a non-voting board member position (Communications Director). Wayne also indicated that officer job descriptions have been updated to reflect these proposed changes. Other minor wording changes were covered.

A motion to adopt the by-law changes was made by Tom Weygandt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Kelm, motion passed.

Past President Paul Gorman indicated that they do not have a candidate for President Elect. He indicated that they will accept offers from anyone for the position and present nominations for board positions at Thursday's board meeting.

Jay D. Olsen gave the Secretary's Report. He referred members to pages 13 – 22 of the Annual Report. These pages contain minutes from last year's business meeting and all board meetings that have taken place through the year. The minutes are also on the NFRBMEA's website and were posted shortly after each board meeting to be available to all members. Wayne Pike asked for the Secretary's Report to stand as filed in the Annual Report document.

Doug Wertish presented the Treasurer's Report, reviewing the Income Statement on page 23 of the Annual Report. Doug explained how the IABME funds are identified within the NFRBMEA Income Statement. Doug referred to page 24 for the Balance Sheet. A motion to receive and file the Treasurer's report was made by Pat Harrington, with second by Mike Lockhart. Motion passed.

Doug Wertish presented the proposed 2011-2012 budget. A motion to accept the budget as proposed and printed was made by Ira Beckman and seconded by Myron Oftedahl; motion passed.

Doug Wertish gave the audit report as printed in the Annual Report. The audit report was accepted by common consent.

Wayne Pike reported that the 2012 Conference is tentatively planned for Minnesota and will be presented to NAFBAS for their approval.

Secretary Jay D. Olsen asked for each state to who sent in the "Roll Call of States" report to add any additional information they would like. States represented include: Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, and Utah. Ed Ruff gave a verbal report for Wisconsin; he also reported that Harold Swanson from Iowa asked him to report that he is well in Iowa. Pat Harrington gave a verbal report for Arizona. Pat reported that 2011 will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> year of Farm Business Management in Arizona.

Virgil Dagman gave the Membership Report, indicating that membership numbers are essentially the same for regular members but are down for affiliate members. The Membership Report was accepted by consent.

Deb Pike gave the Web Manager/Historian/Editor/Co-editor report. Deb reported she has updated NFRBMEA website, created the 2010 Conference website including sponsor contact information. She also added the "Ride/Room Share" page to the website for conference attendees. She indicated that the Annual Report will be available in PDF from the website. She asked how many use "Facebook"; a few responded. She will investigate adding "Facebook" and "Twitter" links to the NFRBMEA website. Also, the 2011 Conference Website is on the NFRBMEA website and has the basics on it but will be updated as plans progress.

Paul Gorman reported that he had nothing additional to add to the Annual Report, he thanked Deb Pike for all her work in compiling the information for the report. Paul indicated that Wayne Pike added an Executive Summary Report page to the Annual Report and thanked him for it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM until Thursday morning.

Business meeting reconvened Thursday morning, June 17 at 10:25 AM

President Wayne Pike called the meeting to order (42 in were attendance).

Paul Gorman presented the following nominations by the Past Presidents: Myron Oftedahl, Treasurer; Jim McCuiston, Secretary; and Jay D. Olsen, President Elect. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Jim Kelm to post the slate of new officers as presented. Second by Tom Weygandt, motion passed.

The Resource Committee report was given by Deb Pike. She said that no new contributions have been made to the library but Web counters indicated that it is being used. Wayne Pike will volunteer to revive the Resource Committee as his term as President ends.

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 have gone well. 13 people registered to participate in the Institute (9 of the 13 are registered for the conference). The Wisconsin group was very successful. North Dakota sponsored a group mentoring program that was also successful. Danny Klinefelter met with the IABME group on Monday afternoon and expanded on his morning presentation topic of "Best Management Practices for Managers". The group went to dinner together Monday evening and enjoyed networking. Tom presented completion certificates to those that participated this year including: Deb Ihm, Lori Christensen, Brad Sirianni, Mark Denk, Dennis Deitelhoff, Peter Brandt, Rodney Armstrong, Loren Severson, Greg Bucher, Jason Fisher, Dustin William, Jory Hansen, and Beau Anderson.

Rush Midkiff reported on the 2011 Conference. The dates will be June 12 – 16, 2011 and the Sheraton hotel will be the venue. Possible conference topics include: estate planning, health care, and precision agriculture. He invited suggestions for other possible conference topics. NAFBAS will take the lead in planning this conference.

Jim Kelm reported on joint (NFRBMEA/NAFBAS) USDA committee breakfast meeting. The committee asked for a list of any grants that NFRBMEA members have applied for and the success of their applications.

John Hobert reported on the Industry Relations committee. John reported that total sponsorship dollars this year were \$22,300 (\$2,000 of which was in-kind). Pfizer was added as a major sponsor for this conference. Farm Credit was also added this year as a sponsor. The committee's objective is to add one new major sponsor each year. John Hobert will be stepping down this year. Evan Conrad and Rush Midkiff from NAFBAS, and Gary Thome from NFRBMEA will be on the committee for the coming year.

Jay M. Olson gave the National Council report (on page 8 of the Annual Report). Jay indicated that his term is up this December, and he invited anyone interested in representing NFRBMEA on the National Council to submit an application. The representative will be selected by the Board at the Fall Board Meeting in St Paul.

Wayne Pike reported that the 2012 conference will be in Minnesota. Jim Kelm and Wayne Pike have indicated a willingness to serve in conference planning.

Rick Morgan was presented a Distinguished Service Award for serving as conference chair. Dan Hoffman was presented with a Retiring Officer plaque for his service as Historian. Paul Gorman was presented with a Retiring Officer plaque and a Distinguished Service Award. John Hobert presented a Distinguished Service Award to Dale Nordquist during a NCFMEC meeting.

Doug Wertish and Virgil Dagman are retiring because of acceptance of by-law changes or officer nominations and will receive their Retiring Officer plaques at a later date.

Wayne Pike thanked everyone for their service and turned the meeting over to President Al Graner.

Dan Hoffman made a motion to extend a resolution for outstanding service to Wayne and Deb Pike during this past year of personal challenges. Second by Paul Gorman; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay D. Olsen  
NFRBMEA Secretary