

NFRBMEA Spring Board Meeting

Via Conference Call April 11, 2011 8:00 AM CST

In Attendance: President, Al Graner, Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, Jay D. Olsen, Rick Morgan, Jim McCuistion, Myron Oftedahl

President Al Graner called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM CST

Secretary's report: Jim McCuistion indicated that the fall board meeting minutes are on the web. The fall 2010 joint meeting minutes with NAFBAS were requested, but no board members seemed to have a record of these.

Treasurer's report: Myron Oftedahl reported \$6338.68 in Checking, \$3068.70 of which is designated for the National Institute (IABME). There is \$20,064.50 in Savings and 2 CDs. A positive \$6000 was gained from last year's balance. Wayne moved we accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Jay and motion was passed.

Communication Director's report: Deb Pike posted her report previously through email and the report shows that membership is stable and possibly up from previous years. Numbers reported in 2011 were 140 as of 4/11/11, 123 and 132 respectively in 2009-10 and 2008-09. The Conference Website was updated with new content and the Registration Website went live April 1; members and non-members were sent notification through email. Jay moved we accept the Communication Director's report and Myron seconded. Motion was passed.

President Al Graner commented on the added agenda to the 2011 conference report. Al stated that the USDA speaker was still in question, but everything else on the agenda was in place.

Discussion on the Experience Exchange was brought up by Wayne Pike, Past President, who is responsible for this exchange, (Wayne checked job descriptions later and was reminded that president-elect Jay Olsen is responsible for the Experience Exchange.) Members present at the joint fall meeting were trying to recall the particulars of how it is funded. With no minutes of the Joint Fall Board meeting available, Myron said that gift cards was what he recalled in the joint meeting. Wayne said that Bob Rhea and Jay should determine from the minutes how the \$1500 budgeted for First-Timers should be allocated and the question was "Is it funded by the conference?"

Jay Olsen stated he would contact Anthony Barrett of NAFBAS about obtaining the minutes from the joint meeting. A suggestion was that a deadline of May 13 be set for the Experience Exchange application and selection process.

Reporting on the 2012 conference, Wayne declared that he and Jim Kelm have selected the hotel for the Bloomington, MN conference. Jim is working on initial planning and meetings.

All board members are aware through email that the National Council is revising its seats and present Representative Ira sent an email to that fact. Rick moved that we recommend to the membership that Ira serve out the present term and also the new three year term to follow. Jay seconded and the motion passed.

New business concerning the policy on future donations by the NFRBMEA related to a previous situation with the University of Minnesota. Wayne reiterated the incident to familiarize the board and all board members were in general agreement that instead of stating a new policy that the board should have the latitude to consider such donations or sponsorships on a case by case basis.

Nominations for the Distinguished Service award were discussed and board members nominated three members. Jim suggested that an announcement be posted on the Web and a May 13th deadline be used for any future nominations for this year.

Wayne reminded us that we need to be thinking about those that would like to serve as board members for the coming year.

The next Board meeting will be the pre-conference meeting on June 12, 2011 at 9:00 AM in Nashville.

Jay moved and Rick seconded that we adjourn and motion passed.

Submitted by,

Jim McCuiston
Recording Secretary