

# **NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 12, 2011, 9:00 AM ♦ Nashville, Tennessee**

The meeting was called to order by President Al Graner at 9:07.

Those present were Rick Morgan, Ira Beckman, Deb Pike, Wayne Pike, Myron Oftedahl, Jay D. Olsen, Al Graner, and Jim McCuiston.

The internet in the rooms will be reimbursed to the members.

Rick Morgan stated that the registration so far is 126 including 46 NFRBMEA members.

Jay D. Olsen gave a report on the Experience Exchange program. Two individuals will present their experiences on Tuesday and Myron said that the Association is limited to pay for two presenters.

Jim McCuiston's Secretary Report included the minutes available on the Web and the Roll Call of States.

Al went over the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting to be held Tuesday afternoon of the conference. Some adjustments were made including the Distinguished Service Awards.

Wayne Pike addressed the possibilities of retiring officers and those that will be reelected or availability of potential new nominations. Work will continue pursuing the nominations throughout the conference. He also distributed the 2010-11 Annual Report which was printed by his college at a considerable savings.

Al scheduled the presentation of the DSAs during the Annual business meeting, and presenters were assigned. The recipients are Tom Hansen, Greg Tullis, and Norman Rohrbach. Nominations for next year's DSAs will be accepted during the meeting also.

Myron Oftedahl reported that the Conference is now paying for a couple of items that NFRBMEA was originally paying for, which has reduced the budget. \$14,000 was moved to a liquid account from an account with a balance of \$16731.25 for Conference purposes. The budget for the Conference was examined and discussed. Al said Bob Rhea has renewed the MOU for a three year period.

Deb Pike, Communications Director, has sent out the NUTS & BOLTS Real-Time Update, posted information about the Experience Exchange on the Conference website and has been updating the membership list on the NFRBMEA website. As of today, reported that 140 members had paid dues. Myron mentioned that Conference should pay for Deb's work on the website for them.

Wayne discussed the Resource Committee's findings. It was reported that very few members use the Resource Library, which is very similar to a Minnesota resource that was developed. The Internet is used to obtain much of the information that members need for student instruction. It was suggested that perhaps the Chairman of the Resource Committee be retained, but committee members are probably not needed because of the inactivity.

Ira Beckman reported that the National Council has reduced voting members from 19 to 13 and member fees have increased. He said he would like to see some of the funds saved to hire an executive secretary.

The Annual meeting is Orlando in March 2012 and a conference meeting will be held the last part of September in Starkville, MS where Ray Nash, the President of the Council, is from.

Al said there were no reports at this time from Gary Thome (Industry/Relations Committee) or IABME . He reported that 501(c)3 and tax reports were sent to Vic Richardson and sent back for Board approval. Wayne moved and Jay D. Olsen seconded that we examine and approve the forms and reports. Motion carried. Board was not sure how many first-timers had registered, but thought there may be quite a few.

Rick moved to adjourn the meeting and Jay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McCuiston  
NFRBMEA Secretary