

NFRBMEA Post-Conference Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2011 ♦ Nashville, Tennessee

President Jay D. Olsen called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM. Attending were Jay D. Olsen, President; Doug Wertish, President Elect; Myron Oftedahl, Treasurer; Jim McCuiston, Secretary; Deb Pike, Communications Director; Al Graner, Past President; Tom Weygandt, IABME Director; Ira Beckman, Jim Kelm and Wayne Pike

2010 Conference Committee Co-chairs: Jim Kelm and Wayne Pike.

Tom presented the IABME budget. He stated that there is one more year of the grant monies left. Jim Kelm discussed the training methods and the need to address the future career training programs. There might be a possibility to re-up the program after this next year with the support of CHS and new corporate sponsors. Jim Kelm moved that the contract with Tom be extended to \$65 per hour which is reflective of the budget. Motion was seconded by Al Graner and motion passed. It was noted that Tom sends an addendum of this change and adoption of budget to Jim Kelm, Ira, and Jay. Tom needs to be notified from each state of the new instructors.

Doug Wertish informed the Board that there were unofficially 125 registered members of NAFBAS and NFRMBEA at this year's Conference. He thought the Conference financially was a break-even, but the details of analyzing the costs and profits were not yet completed.

The co-chairs of the 2012 Conference, which will be held in Bloomington, MN, inquired if there was a need to change the format of future conferences. Ideas discussed included having separate conference sessions which may be more specific to NFRBMEA or NAFBAS, perhaps raising fees for spouses and member registrations, having national speakers, and the opportunity for a daily registration for certain parts of the conference were discussed. Discussion was held regarding what day tours should be held and how long they should last. Evaluations from this year's conference may determine the options we may adopt. "*Converge and Emerge*" is a possible theme for next year's conference.

The Experience Exchange for this year was good, and ideas to improve them should be sent to Jay. Perhaps the Experience Exchange can be promoted more before the next conference to encourage participation.

The 2013 Conference will be in Kansas City, KS with NAFBAS taking the lead in planning.

The next Board Meeting will be held at 9AM, September 26, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites Minneapolis Airport in Bloomington, MN, our 2012 Conference location.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jim McCuiston
NFRBMEA Secretary