

NAFBAS/NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2013

Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park, KS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Huschka at 4:06 pm

Those present were Anthony Barrett (NE), Doug Wertish (MN), Jay D. Olsen (UT), Myron Oftedahl (MN), Bob Rhea (IL), Don Nitchie (MN), Mike Harer (WI), Jim McCabe (IL), Jim McCuistion (CO), Jim Kelm (MN), Deb Pike (MN), Ira Beckman (MN), Jim Huschka (KS), and Tom Thaden (IA).

Minutes from the Joint Board meeting September 17-18, 2012 were summarized by Jay Olsen. Doug Wertish moved to accept the minutes and Mark Holkup seconded it. Motion carried.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations was discussed and Ira Beckman moved that Line I. be restated to read; "NFRBMEA and NAFBAS agree to hold their annual conferences jointly indefinitely." and add Line VI. to read; "Either group may terminate this understanding with a two year advance notice". Motion was seconded by Anthony Barrett and it carried.

Bob Rhea presented a summary of the 2007 to present conference revenues, costs, net profits and attendance numbers for each organization. Doug Wertish added breakdowns of present conference's registrations by state and organization. After concerns about shrinking numbers each year, particularly NFRBMEA and Extension, Jim Kelm suggested a need for reduction of costs and the possibility of including outlying groups and individuals.

Mike Harer stated that 24 participants were involved in the preconference training offered by NAFBAS. It was concluded that the training in preconference was very successful and the group would try to hold it again next year.

Doug Wertish brought to light the First-Timers' that were eligible for the scholarship. There was some discrepancy, but he will work it out with the registrations before the Monday morning First-Timers' meeting. The President-Elect of both organizations are in charge of that meeting.

Jim McCabe started a discussion on the possible sites for future conferences: New York, Washington, D.C., or Pennsylvania for 2015 and South Dakota in 2016. NAFBAS and NFRBMEA alternate responsibilities for hosting the Conference each year. Chairman Jim Huschka appointed Jim McCabe and Rob Holcomb to the 2014 planning committee.

Back to the First-Timers' subject, after Doug Wertish discussed concerns of the effectiveness of the scholarship, moved to discontinue the First-Timers' scholarship for the 2014 Conference. It was seconded by Anthony Barrett and the motion passed.

Jim Kelm and Doug Wertish had a meeting with William Nelson of CHS earlier in the year to discuss funds available through their foundation. William's good points and interest included getting new members and also non-members to attend training at the combined conferences. His interests are of a larger mass across many state lines. Scholarships to the Conference or other training were some of the ideas the group discussed. These ideas come with the thought that many of the Board members do not have the time to administrate a program such as was the past experience of IABME. Ira Beckman moved to establish a

committee with two appointees from each organization to develop educational opportunities for beginning members that would be presentable to a sponsor or sponsors. Doug Wertish seconded the motion and it passed. Jim Huscka appointed Kevin Herbel, Bob Rhea, Jim Kelm, and Doug Wertish to this committee.

Committees:

USDA Activities will have a meeting at the Tuesday lunch.

Technology/Resources will have a meeting at 3:30 pm in the Seattle room.

Fundraising/ Sponsors have appointed to the committee Jennifer Smith, Doug Wertish, Bob Rhea and Clay Simons.

Ira Beckman gave a report on the National Council and the objectives of that organization that could help both organizations.

The Board decided to hold the next combined joint meeting in Omaha on September 23rd and 24th beginning at 1 pm as it is a central meeting location for those involved. Anthony Barrett will find a location.

Anthony Barrett move to adjourn and Ira Beckman seconded it. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McCuiston

Acting Secretary for the Joint Board Meeting