

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

**June 9, 2013**

**Doubletree Inn Overland Park, KS**

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Wertish at 9:18 a.m.

Those present were Deb Pike, Myron Oftedahl, Jay D. Olsen, Mark Holkup, Jim McCuistion, Ira Beckman and Doug Wertish.

Doug asked if there was any good news.

As of today there are 161 registered with 49 Extension, 68 NAFBAS, and NFRBMEA 42. There are approximately 8 First-Timers marked on the registration sheet. The effectiveness of the First-Timer program was questioned partly because of the cost. Jay Olsen moved and Myron Oftedahl seconded that our Board recommend to the Joint Board to discontinue the First-Timer program in 2014. Motion passed. Jim McCuistion stated that 9 states were represented at the Conference and he has only 8 reports. He questioned the group about gaining better contacts for some of the other states. Myron said there were already some of the sponsor's monies for the Conference in the account and the budget indications are uncertain at this time as to the profit potential of this Conference. Deb Pike has purchased a new domain name, [www.nfbm-conference.org](http://www.nfbm-conference.org), for the conference website, which is hosted within the NFRBMEA site.

The only two offices up for election this year are Secretary and President-Elect; Jay said that he and the Past Presidents had a nomination for each office. The National Council position is not up for election until January 1, 2015. Ira suggested that we nominate that candidate at the 2014 Conference annual meeting.

There are two DSA- Friend awards, three DSA- Member awards, an Award of Appreciation and a Retiring Officer plaque to be presented at the 2013 Conference. Doug asked who should present the awards. It was thought that the two DSA- Friend awards could be presented at the Tuesday's sessions sometime and the others at the Annual Meeting.

The Past Presidents' meeting is today at 3:00 pm and that meeting is for brainstorming anything that could help the organization for future directions.

Ira stated that a motion will be needed at the Annual Meeting for a change in the by-laws for the new proposed dues changes in Article VI, Sections 1, 2 and 3.

The Memorandum of Understanding with NAFBAS is due for renewal at the Joint meeting this afternoon and the Board decided to recommend that we change the term from three years to indefinite. Deb also suggested that the MOU be put on the Conference website.

Minutes from the spring meeting were summarized and Mark Holkup moved that they be approved. Jay Olsen seconded the motion and it passed.

Myron Oftedahl went over the income statement, balance sheet, and the 2013-14 budget with the group. After discussion about the fact that three to four thousand dollars is lost or projected recently, Doug moved and Mark seconded that we approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Jay Olsen reported on the 2014 Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hotel rooms will be comparable in price, the speakers are at a minimal costs, the tours are set up, and most of the agenda is in good order. Everything is going good and Jay will be working this week with the other planners and his staff from Utah.

Deb's report included discussion about the membership list and possible need to make RTU more "real-time" and the quantity versus frequency aspect. General consensus of the group was to use RTU as needed. It was moved and seconded to accept the Communication Director's report.

Doug Wertish and Jim Kelm recently met with William Nelson at CHS and discussed the need for replacing instructors in our industry. Thoughts of this concept at the national, college and secondary levels are all important. The thoughts of William will be brought up at the Joint Board meeting.

Ira's National Council report mentioned the Monday Morning Monitor that is on the National Council website. An executive secretary was hired and rehired which is working out well. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. It passed.

Bringing up the requirements in the by-laws concerning the agenda notice for the Annual meeting, Jim McCuistion moved and Ira Beckman seconded that a proposal to change the wording in Article 4, Section 2A of the By-laws shall state; ' Shall propose the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting and will make it available to the membership prior to the National Conference'.

Myron stated that this year's audit letter did not get included in the Annual Report.

Mark moved to adjourn. Myron seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McCuistion  
NFRBMEA Secretary