

## **NFRBMEA Post-Conference Board Meeting June 18, 2015 – Rochester, NY**

Attendance: Will Walter, David Gillman, Jim McCuistion, Mark Holkup, Myron Oftedahl, Rodney Armstrong, Josh Tjosaas, Deb Pike, Wayne Pike

The meeting was called to order by Past-President Will Walter at 12:15 PM.

David Gillman was introduced as the newly elected president-elect of NFRBMEA.

2015 Conference Summary: Jim expressed concern that conference planners' personal credit cards are being charged extensively leaving them in a vulnerable position. Electronic surveys will be forthcoming to attendees online via Survey Monkey. Discussion on using electronic or paper form evaluation surveys for 2016—daily or post-conference. It was felt that there should be printed conference agendas for 2016.

Jim appointed a committee of Will, David and Jim to study the by-laws for possible updates—especially in the area of membership.

**Myron moved and Jim seconded to renew our agreement with Deb Pike to serve as NFRBMEA communications director for 2015-16 at a salary of \$5000. Motion carried.**

The fall board meeting is scheduled for September 15-16 at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls.

2016 Conference: Will is looking for ideas for a theme. He would like to focus the conference more on management. Topic discussed were zoning/urban encroachment and transition/succession planning. It was suggested to Will in securing speakers that he check with South Dakota State University and other local sources first. He urged everyone to come up with ideas that would make the conference a success. Myron reminded the planners to work on gaining tax exempt status from South Dakota for the conference.

Deb needs a photo and bio from new board members for the website. She and Dave will send out dunning letters to past members who attended the conference within the last two years.

Josh pointed out that the CHS scholarship notices and applications need to be made available earlier.

Wayne discussed the idea of having our conference sponsors pay for any national speakers that might be brought in. Fees and expenses for national speakers can be a major expense and this might be an opportunity to bring on a new sponsor or give an existing sponsor an opportunity to support us in a more specific manner.

Josh moved and David seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Rodney Armstrong, Secretary

Addendum: Due to conflicts the fall board meeting was changed to September 24-25.