

NFRBMEA Spring Board Meeting (Draft)

May 6, 2016,--via conference call

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

The meeting was called to order by President Will Walter at 8 AM.

Adjustments to the agenda were approved. Reports were emailed to board members prior to the meeting.

Secretary's Report—Minutes from the fall board meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes and the secretary's report. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report—Myron presented the treasurer's report. We have a checking account balance of \$11,365.63. He will have written reports sent out in time for the national conference. The NFRBMEA share of the 2015 conference was over \$6000. After discussion it was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Communication Director's Report—Deb reported on the following:

- Membership—Membership currently stands at 96—87 regular, 8 affiliate and 1 honorary.
- Website—Updates and some redesign
- Nuts & Bolts—No issues have been sent out this year. Wayne emphasized that the Nuts & Bolts publications are the board's means of reporting to the membership and demonstrating that NFRBMEA is accomplishing its mission. Instructors and board members need to submit articles for publication. Past experience show that few step up and volunteer their ideas and experiences but are more than willing to share them if asked. The board expressed a need to put out a Nuts & Bolts issue as soon as possible prior to the national conference. Submit articles by next Tuesday for publication on Friday, May 13. Real Time Updates (RTU's) will be put out as needed.

CHS Scholarship Grant Report—Mark Holkup reported that there were numerous applicants for the scholarship and he now has 10 individuals accepted. There is money available for one more. Three or four of the recipients are individuals looking at a career change. The scholarship will pay for NFRBMEA membership, national conference registration, travel costs, hotel costs and a \$125 stipend for expenses not covered by the registration. Mark asked the board if there are any other costs being overlooked that the CHS scholarship should cover and it was suggested that any extra costs for those attending the early career training sessions be considered.

NCAE Report—Josh reported on issues discussed at NCAE meetings. Josh is now President-Elect of the council and will begin his term as president in 2017.

2016 Conference Planning Report (Sioux Falls, SD)—Will Walter went over the conference agenda. The projected budget looks positive. The planners are budgeting for 150 conference attendees from NFRBMEA, NAFBAS and Extension. The board was positive toward Will's suggestion of setting up a post-conference tour for those interested. There was discussion on a conference notebook. The board agreed that a pocket agenda handed out at registration combined with the conference notebook materials on the website was adequate.

Conference Sponsorship Committee—Wayne’s report was sent to the board earlier. He has total commitments of \$12,000 so far. Will added that he has one additional sponsor of \$1000. There are a few other potential sponsors that have not committed.

Distinguished Service Awards—Deb pointed out that one of the individuals nominated for the Distinguished Service Award last fall had received this award previously. Nominations were made for two individuals to be presented with the award in June.

Distinguished Service- Friend Award—one nomination was received and will be presented the award in June.

Jim McCuiston will be presented his retiring officer plaque at the conference in June in recognition of his years of service on the NFRBMEA executive board.

Rodney is responsible for obtaining the award plaques.

Roll Call of States—Rodney is gathering the state reports and will forward them on to the appropriate individuals for publication.

Possible locations for the 2018 national conference are needed. We would like to see the conference move out of the Midwest for 2018.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be in Sioux Falls on June 14 at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Armstrong, Secretary