

## Summer Joint Board Meeting of NAFBAS & NFRBMEA Holiday Inn City Centre, Sioux Falls, SD June 12, 2016

Those in attendance: Anthony Barrett (NE), Bob Rhea (IL), Deb Pike (MN), Myron Oftedahl (MN), Jim McCuiston (CO), Kent Vickre (IA), Don Nitchie (MN), Rodney Armstrong (ND), Will Walter (SD), David Gillman (UT), Amanda Jenkins (KY), Mark Wood (KS), Robert Page (AL), Larry Borton (MI), and Jim McCabe (IL).

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 pm by Will Walter. Don Nitchie was chosen to chair the meeting and Anthony Barrett volunteered to act as secretary. With no objections to those chosen, the meeting progressed.

Minutes from the September meeting in Sioux Falls, SD were reviewed. Mark Wood made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted change. This was seconded by Myron Oftedahl and motion carried.

It was noted that the MOA between the two boards is now perpetually ongoing until 2 years written notice by either party.

**Annual Conferences:** For 2016, Bob noted that the hotel has given coupons for spouses and children to get 15% off the buffets. Room rates are all \$99 except the two room suites which are \$104. Will noted that income looks great for this conference. There are 165 attendees, 29 spouses, and 44 kids. There has been \$17,000 in sponsorships plus the \$10,000 scholarship from CHS. The breakdown of attendees is 49 NFRBMEA, 62 NAFBAS, 44 Extension, and 10 Scholarship. The meal cost in Sioux Falls has been very respectable compared to previous locations. At the start of the conference, there is roughly a \$29,000 profit. It would be reasonable at this point to expect a \$25,000 profit when all is said and done. All numbers (hotel room nights, attendees, family, etc) are up since the start of planning and budget. It was noted that 40% of the people registered in the last two days of the deadline. Bob asked that people try to register early as this helps with planning and budgets to know more solid numbers as early as possible.

The 2017 conference will be in Des Moines, IA at the Downtown Embassy Suites. Room rates will be \$118.

Myron says the 2018 conference will most likely be a more distant location. Locations tossed around have been Arizona and Alberta, Canada. These locations were discussed due to some retired NFRBMEA members at these locations. Other locations mentioned were Northern MN, Salem, OR area, Boise, ID area, or the Portland, OR area.

The 2019 conference will be a more Midwest location due to it being the triennial conference with Extension. The likely locations at this point look to be WI or MI.

The pre-conference training had two groups this year. The 0-3 years' experience group had 13 attendees. The 3-5 years' experience group had two attendees. These groups had a nice mix of both NFRBMEA and NAFBAS members. Mark Dikeman led the advanced group with Tina Barrett and Dwight Raab again led the 0-3 group. The 2017 conference will hold both the beginning and more advanced group in Des Moines.

It was brought to attention that Clint Milleman from KS had requested a refund of his registration due to his grandma having a heart attack. David Gillman made a motion to refund the registration. This was seconded by Rodney Armstrong and motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**USDA:** The USDA committee will be Tuesday at lunch.

**Fundraising:** Wayne Pike is the lead for this committee. He will find a time for the group to meet this week.

**Professional Development Opportunities:** There has been some discussion of a webinar. This would be a one day seminar on a pertinent topic. IL will be extending an invite to other states to take part in their EA training. Are there any other training needs at this point? Send an e mail to Bob if interested.

**Farm Financial Standards Council:** Jonathan Shepard (KY) is now on the FFSC board. Mark Wood will be attending the conference. Bob proposed Jonathan be appointed our conference representative at the FFSC 2016 Annual Meeting in Sheridan, WY. Myron made this motion and was seconded by Amanda. Motion carried.

**Activities in New States:** Robert Page said Alabama has a new FBFM program. This program was modeled after IA State and is working with Clemson. They would like to come up with a one page paper from each state with their list of a "job description". This could include such topics as are there EAs or CPAs, primary are such as teaching or other things, annual reports, websites used for research etc,. It would be great to know every state represented by our two organizations and what each state has and what they use for computer programs, etc. Robert volunteered to develop a survey and compile information to send to state leaders to fill out on fieldman qualifications, technology used, and other items of importance. Mark Wood made a motion to this topic. This was seconded by Kent Vickre and motion carried.

**Board Topics:** David Gillman is the 1<sup>st</sup> timers' representative. Don Nitchie will represent NAFBAS.

The fall joint board meeting date was chosen to be September 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines.

It was declared by chairman Don Nitchie to adjourn and move to the Sunday night social with no objections by any members.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony L. Barrett  
Appointed Secretary for Joint Board Meeting