

NFRBMEA Post-Conference Board Meeting June 16, 2016 – Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Will Walter, David Gillman, Bruce Fowler, Myron Oftedahl, Rodney Armstrong, Josh Tjosaas, Deb Pike, Wayne Pike

The meeting was called to order by Past-President Will Walter at 11:15 AM.

Bruce Fowler from Missouri was introduced as the new president-elect of NFRBMEA. Bruce gave an overview of his background and current position.

2016 Conference Observations: Will has heard that there is a need for more sponsored activities for spouses. A prerequisite for doing this is to have earlier registrations so these plans can be made. The financial numbers are looking excellent and the conference profits will be distributed to the organizations when everything is finalized. There was some concern about the length of the tours but Will had planned them that way to make full use of the day. The board congratulated Will for an excellent conference that came off very smoothly and thanked him for his efforts.

2017 Conference: It was suggested by some families that milk be made available for meals with children. Myron will coordinate financial issues with Kent Vickre and the conference planners.

2018 Conference: Miguel Saviroff and Barry Kurtz have already done some preliminary planning including possible hotel sites and tours. The board will provide them guidance on theme selection and presenters to build on that theme. It was noted that conference planners are members of the NFRBMEA board and should be involved at board meetings. A reminder was made to the planners to apply for tax exempt status early.

NCAE: Josh's term will expire on December 2017. Lori Tonak and Allison Thompson have been approached as possible replacements. The new member should be on board by next year's conference.

Deb Pike has agreed to continue to serve as our NFRBMEA Communications Director. Her salary was approved as part of the budget at the annual business meeting.

The fall board meeting is scheduled for September 19-20 in Des Moines. Bob Rhea will be making the arrangements. The NFRBMEA board will be going over our bylaws and reviewing job descriptions for all board members.

Audit: Due to the high cost of a professional accountant doing an audit Myron will have 2-3 members serve as an audit committee this summer and have Deb post it on the website.

501(c)(3) status: Bruce moved and Myron seconded that upon reviewing the activities and financial report of NFRBMEA, the executive board has determined that NFRBMEA meets the requirements of a 501(c)(3) organization. Motion carried.

Nuts & Bolts: The board recognizes the need to be more active in producing Nuts & Bolts newsletters for the membership. Deb described the content of past issues. We have typically had three issues—fall,

winter and spring. Board members should be prepared to write articles or solicit members to write articles. We will plan for the first issue after the fall board meeting.

Bruce moved and Myron seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Armstrong, Secretary