

NFRBMEA 2017 Post-Conference Board Meeting Notes

June 15, 2017 * Des Moines, IA

In attendance: Myron Oftedahl, Deb Pike, Lori Tonak, David Gillman, Bruce Fowler, Tina LeBrun, Sarah Cornelisse, Barry Kurtz and Brad Sirianni.

Not in attendance: Josh Tjosaas, Betsy Jensen. http://www.nfrbmea.org/board_dirs.htm.

The meeting was opened by Bruce Fowler at 10:15 AM.

- I. Comments and discussion about this year's conference. The following items were brought forward and discussed:
 - A. Improved communications about tours, housekeeping and speakers.
 - B. Having more time between speakers, speakers knowing who their audience is, helping them make sure the presentation information is applicable to the whole group.
 - C. Providing better/more information about the speakers for the participants
 - D. Participants liked the location of the hotel.
 - E. Liked and appreciated the food, breakfast and social in the evenings.
 - F. Liked the close access to restaurants and activities.
 - G. Appreciated the diversity of agriculture in the different areas where the conferences have been held.
 - H. David recommended to have more discussion about the 2018 conference at the fall meeting.
- II. 2019 Conference in WI Recommendations for possible tour sites: Kohler, EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh, Dairy farms, Green Bay.
- III. Deb Pike's appointment as Communications Director renewed and was unanimously approved (Lori/David).
- IV. It was recommended that the 2018 planning committee have 2 personnel attend the fall meeting in Omaha and have their transportation and hotel costs covered. Therefore, one more person needs to be approved for costs to be covered. Barry Kurtz, Sarah Cornelisse, Maria Graziani, conference planners will serve as official board members.
- V. Discussion was held on what information is passed down from planning committee to planning committee. What notes, checklists, etc. are passed down? What can we do to help ensure that the correct information is tracked and passed on to the next planning group?
- VI. Reminder for the fall meeting in Omaha on September 18-19.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM (David/Myron). A Board photo was taken after the meeting.

Submitted by Brad Sirianni, President Elect