

# Minutes of the NFRBMEA Post-Conference Board Meeting

June 23, 2021 • Conducted via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm by Myron Oftedahl. Members present: Myron Oftedahl, Pauline Van Nurden, Kara Wulfekuhle, Jennifer Smith, Jeff Schultz, Tina LeBrun, Deron Erickson, Lori Tonak, Debra Pike.

Secretary's report from Pre-Conference Board Meeting presented by Jennifer Smith. Motion to approve by Kara Wulfekuhle, second by Deron Erickson.

Treasurer's Report by Kara Wulfekuhle, the balance is \$8628.42. Myron Oftedahl sent Jeff Schultz and Kara Wulfekuhle an e-mail to get the minutes from the Annual Meeting to the bank to start the transfer of treasurer process. Tina LeBrun received a check from Base after conference and needs to send that check to Kara Wulfekuhle. The conference profit from the virtual conference was \$3,242.20.

Deron Erickson and Lori Tonak will both attend the National Council for Agricultural Education (NCAE) meeting in Indianapolis, in September 2021.

Communications Director's position, motion by Pauline Van Nurden, second by Deron Erickson, to hire Debra Pike as Communications Director for one year at same pay level. Motion passed.

Sponsorship Committee position is open, due to Tina LeBrun being President Elect. Jennifer Smith suggested Sara Maass-Pate from WI or Jay Olsen from Utah. Myron Oftedahl suggested David Gillman from Utah. Tina LeBrun will contact the suggested people to take over. Tina LeBrun will ask Conservis to come back as a sponsor to Colorado. John Deere and AgCo were also suggested as potential sponsors.

Fall Board Meeting in late September: Jim McCabe will set the date and send out the meeting notice which will be held via Zoom. Myron Oftedahl explained the fall joint board meeting process and the NFRBMEA meeting a day or two prior to the joint board meeting. Board decided to have the meeting in person in St. Cloud at 10 am prior to state FBM meeting. The times could flex slightly depending on the state FBM meeting schedule for that day. Also, the board meeting will be held via Zoom so anyone not in St. Cloud in person can still be in the meeting.

2021 Conference follow up: Pauline Van Nurden shared that the conference was well done, with good hallway meetings; Myron Oftedahl shared the same. Tina LeBrun said panels were good. No survey sent out to virtual participants as a 2021 conference follow up. The 2021 conference survey was sent out June 22, 2021 to in-person participants. Jennifer Smith shared in response to the survey to have tours, and that there was not much at 2021 for spouses organized. Tina LeBrun shared the vendor sponsors were also disappointed that there were no tours at Hilton Head conference.

2022 Conference: Curtis Mahnken, North Central Extension, will be lead and set up conference committee meeting to plan a general agenda plan prior to fall board meeting. Myron Oftedahl shared to have more coordinated activities for spouses and half day tours for one day at the 2022 conference, and to also have Temple Grandin and new Farm Bill updates at the conference for workshops.

2024 Conference location: keep thinking about this. NFRBMEA will be the lead for 2024.

#### Goals for NFRBMEA for 2022

1. Increase Membership. Discussion about why membership is important and what is needed to recruit new members. PEP meetings have Betsy Jensen give a promotion for membership. Myron Oftedahl will be sharing a report from NFRBMEA at MAAE summer conference. Myron shared when having an FBM meeting with other faculty promote NFRBMEA. Tina shared the value of professional development opportunities was brought up by Wisconsin membership. Possibly do a survey to find out what type of professional development opportunities are valued. Tina asked if there will be a virtual option at Colorado, or if a survey to find out if virtual is a plus for gaining membership. Be sure that all organizations receive meetings that meet the needs of all groups. Jeff Schultz shared that changes in age and family life restrictions/conflicts to attend the conference. Jennifer Smith and Tina LeBrun agreed with Jeff. Jennifer Smith shared a way to have all the dues paid on one PO through the college could make it easier and get members involved and then to see the events and value of being a member. Lori Tonak shared that Mitchell Tech values NFRBMEA and covers costs if conference is close enough by in location.

Debra Pike has a list of past and current members. Deron Erickson shared to contact all the current FBM members with the survey as well. Do a survey to determine what is needed to join organization and would you attend conference in person or virtually, specific professional development topics wanted at a conference, best way to contact you, or reason why won't join.

2. Do one non-conference professional development activity. Deron Erickson shared to possibly combine one with winter MAAE conference or Jennifer Smith shared possibly fall FBM conference.
3. Improve Communication with NAFBAS and Extension
4. Sponsorship goal increase sponsorship by \$3500 and/or get a national sponsor.

Proposed dates for *NUTS* & *BOLTS* articles to Debra Pike: July, October, February, May

Myron Oftedahl reminded for tax return for 2020 was a small postcard due to less income, so tax return could cost more with higher income. IRS statement will be done at fall board meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Pauline Van Nurden, Tina LeBrun second. Meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.

Submitted by,

Jennifer Smith, NFRBMEA Secretary