

Minutes of the NFRBMEA Spring Board Meeting

May 11, 2022 ● Conducted via Zoom

Members present: Myron Oftedahl, Debra Pike, Pauline Van Nurden, Tina LeBrun, Deron Erickson. Members absent: Jeff Schultz and Jennifer Smith.

A time is set for the preconference board meeting to be held on June 13, 2022 at 4pm in Fort Collins, CO.

Conference registrations are very slow coming in, there is no block room reservation rate left. Discussion was held about getting more Minnesota instructors to the conference and funding available to help cover costs to attend.

Agenda items for the annual meeting will include various reports, officer nominations, Roll Call of States, 2023 Conference in Michigan, 2024 Conference in Minnesota.

Review of conference schedule, speakers, tours, sponsors, and needs yet. Curtis needs moderators for concurrent sessions, speaker gift ideas, promotion of conference-record a video of why attending conference, benefits, etc., technology help coordination. Possibly organizing family time and/or events, Curtis wasn't going to plan anything for the family activity. Discussion had about items that could be planned for family activities. Tours sign-ups and possibilities.

Officer Slate: Tina asked Denise Reeser if she would take over sponsorship coordinator. She was open to stepping up and taking an officer role. Difficult to get anyone from out of state to step up and take an officer role. Possibility of contacting other state leaders to see if there is anyone they would recommend. Pauline suggested Lynn Hoffmann as a possible officer candidate. Myron suggested Mark Cannella from Vermont as well. Assuming Deron and Jen would continue on in current positions.

Discussed location options for 2024 Conference, Rochester, Mankato, St. Cloud, Twin Cities, Duluth. Discussed transportation availability. Resorts versus hotels. Duluth seemed to be a high choice of interest.

\$7500 in sponsor info from 5 different vendors Tina reported. EZ Farm and crop insurance not heard from yet. BASE will not be there, due to conflict with another conference, BASE chose the other because "conferences are always in Colorado", which was surprising.

Pauline is going to email state leaders. Myron is emailing Keith about summer 2024 conference in Duluth possibly and Myron will send Deb a letter to try to increase registration for this summer conference. Tina would be willing to record a short promotional video for conference this summer.

Deb is just waiting for Treasurer's report and then the 21-22 Annual Report will be wrapped up.

Plaques needed to be made up, Curtis- Award of Appreciation. Jen will get it made.

Items to talk about with NAFBAS: One item was the professional development opportunities for members.

When will Annual Meeting will be held during this 2022 conference? No breaks listed in the planning schedule, especially during vendor day to have that time to visit with vendors.

Zoom Pre-conference board meeting for NFRBMEA will be June 8 at 8:30 a.m. Post-conference board meeting will be held June 23, 2022 at 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Smith, NFRBMEA Secretary