

NFRBMEA Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023 • Conducted via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm. Members present: Tina LeBrun, Ron Dvergsten, Myron Oftedahl, Denise Reeser, Deron Erickson, Debra Pike, Jennifer Smith; Absent: Jeff Schultz. Guest: Tom Appel.

MAAE discussion about having joint dues for NFRBMEA with MAAE. Tom Appel sent email with details about joining the dues with MAAE. Myron asked how many NFRBMEA members have paid dues in MAAE? CLC: all are MAAE members; Northland: all are MAAE members; MN West: all are MAAE members; Riverland: all are MAAE members; St. Cloud Tech: paid all; Alexandria: all are members; South Central instructors all pay their own. 3 or 4 are not members of MAAE.

Deron clarified 2 options, to be unified dues so it is just included or to have a check box to pay the NFRBMEA dues.

Denise asked how many members attend conferences and what are the benefits to FBM being members of MAAE, MNACTE, and ACTE. Awards and lobbying and Carl Perkins funding due to lobbying, scholarships. About 15 members less attend summer conference since the fall conference started. NFRBMEA fiscal year is April 1 – March 30. Membership year is June 1 – May 31.

Ron suggested having the checkbox option for paying dues along with paying MAAE dues; Deron agreed. Deb is concerned with managing who has paid dues and accuracy of dues paid list. Tom didn't think there would be any fees associated with having the dues paid through MAAE. Discussed how it may be more confusing with having the MAAE option to pay dues and tracking.

NFRBMEA Conference

Tina shared struggles in planning conference with NAFBAS. How do we approach NAFBAS planning for conference communication problems? Option was posed if we need to stay with NAFBAS to have conference? Tina was approached by CFFM as to if we could have a conference on our own with them without NAFBAS.

What is the presence of FBM in Minnesota in other places? Deron has ideas about this. Ron shared conference historically has been in Minnesota every 3 years. Since conference is coming back to Minnesota maybe it is time to do our own thing. Struggles of getting people to step up and take leadership roles within NFRBMEA.

Our next meeting will be 8:30 am March 28 for strategic planning and conference planning for 2024 possibly in Red Wing and we separate from NAFBAS.

The meeting ended at 4:54 pm

Submitted by

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