

Minutes
NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting
06-06-04
10:00 AM Antiqua Bay Howard Johnson

1. Call to Order—Tom called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.
Members present: Tom Weygandt, Charles Duell, Richard Baumann, Jim Kelm, Ron Dvergsten, Laurie Morris, Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, Ed Ruff, Luke Baker.

Tom Weygandt introduced Luke Baker, the conference chair for 2005 in Wooster Ohio, who replaces Tom Ackerman.
2. Additons/Corrections to Agenda and Announcements—Ron mentioned that John Caster will be here this afternoon to discuss the fundraising/contributions needs.
3. Secretary's Minutes—Tom requested clarification of the motion to present to the membership for change, item #8. The minutes, as written, are unclear that the motion passed is to present to the bylaw changes to the membership at the annual meeting. Charles will clarify the minutes accordingly. Moved by Ron, seconded by Rich to accept minutes as amended.
4. Treasurer's Report—Rich gave the report. Charles moved, Ron seconded motion to accept the report. Motion passed.
5. Budgeting—Discussion of the 05-06 budget. Specific discussion centered on the joint conference with NAFBAS in June of 06. Ron moved, Jim seconded to accept the budget developed by Rich to present to members at the annual meeting.
6. Membership Report—Wayne reported 165 regular members, 18 associate, and one lifetime member. Mission Statement and new brochures: Wayne passed out copies of the proposed new brochure and revised mission statement.

Jim moved, Rich seconded motion to present the proposed mission statement to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting.
7. Webmaster report— ~9,037 hits. Two position announcements posted to the NFRBMEA membership. Three bouncebacks on the membership list. Charles moved, Rich seconded motion to accept the Membership secretary and Webmaster's report. Motion passed.
8. 2004 Conference report—Ed gave a rundown of the preparations for the 2004 Conference. Charles moved, Ron seconded the 2004 conference report. Motion passed.

9. Standing Committees—How to get them active? General discussion.

Items discussed include:

- a) need to confirm that members are still interested and committed,
- b) opportunity to add new members,
- c) need to set specific goals for the each committee,
- d) set more deadlines with a shorter interval (progress is more measurable),
- e) availability of conference calling as a resource to the committees.

Plan is in place for each committee to at least meet to set their goals timelines.

10. Bylaws and annual meeting agenda—Tom reported on the bylaws changes that will be presented to the membership for a vote.

11. NAFBAS/Bob Rhea—Bob will be here for the conference and will be meeting with the board on Tuesday night. Joint meeting is Sunday thru Tuesday, September, 27-29 at the Holiday Inn, Champaign/Urbana Ill. 217-328-7900. Nine rooms have been reserved under national farm and ranch. Ron will set starting time at the post-conference board meeting.

12. National Council—Our representation on the national council. Gary Thome will be leaving the council in December, and we will need to have other representation in place. Membership from NAAE and NFRBMEA would be required and someone with senior or state leadership and board experience would be preferred. The Board should be ready to appoint the member to represent NFRBMEA on the council at the Fall board meeting.

The level of contribution to the Council also stands at 1700 or less.

13. 2005 Conference—Hotel accommodations are lined up, tour stops are lined up, Tom W and Tom A have already made some of the arrangements for the content with Dr. Bohlije, and the facility at the Schisler center, across the street from the Hilton Garden Inn. 80 rooms blocked.

14. Adjourn—Jim moved, Ron seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Duell
Secretary