

April 19, 2005 Conference Call
3:00 p.m. CDT
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Agenda

1) Call to order.

Ron Dvergsten, Charles Duell, Laurie Morris, Luke Baker, Rich Baumann, John Woodford, Tim Holtquist, Tom Weygandt, Wayne Pike, Deb Pike. Jim Kelm was absent.

New agenda item: Sending someone to the NAFBAS conference.

New agenda item: Additional distinguished service awards.

New agenda item: Suggestions for changes in content of the annual report?

2) Good News. (Anything real positive that has happened and that you would like to share since the last time we met): Everyone shared good news.

Because of time considerations we moved up Item #6 to be discussed after Good News.

#6 Luke gave a report on the 2005 conference. Recognition for retiring officers. Secretary, Past-President, and Retiring President will receive a retiring officer plaque, and each elected officer will receive a gift as a token of appreciation. Proceedings CDROM rather than a 3-ring binder. Small daily program. 30 rooms booked of the 80 blocked. 1 person has enrolled for the exchange of ideas as of last Wednesday.

Hotel booking cutoff date is May 6th. Need to send another reminder for bookings.

Exchange of ideas and first timers attending will be funded by National Crop Insurance. Tim will be doing the exchange of ideas and the first-timers breakfast. Tom suggested that we need to have one person to be contact for Dr. Crane to keep continued continuity with this sponsor who has been a sponsor for several years. Especially need to have thank-you's from the recipients of the first timers conference.

Luke's group is getting together door prizes.

Luke asked for clarification of Distinguished Service Award. The three names we have right now were reiterated. Jim Kelm will get the plaques made by a business in Red Wing that has made them in the past.

3) Treasurers update.

John discussed the treasurer's update. Particular attention was paid to advertising revenue (400 missed the cutoff date); seed money out has not been sent out, recruitment/retention has not been funded either.

John will contact Vic Richardson to do the audit and the taxes, and to get a copy of the non-profit designation.

Tom moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Wayne seconded, motion passed.

- 4) Webmaster/Nuts and Bolts Report: Wayne and Deb
Nuts and bolts report: deadline will be ASAP so that it can go out by May 1. 275 electronic Nuts and Bolts; 15 Paper copies, some paper copies went to people with email accounts. Some of the paper copies went to people who had bounced email copies.

10747 visitors to the site; everything regarding conference information is current as of Saturday the 16th. 3 jobs posted on the web site. 2 conference updates went out to the mailing list.

- 5) Membership Secretary Report: Wayne.
185 regular members, 22 affiliate members, 1 honorary lifetime member.
- 6) 2005 Conference Update: Luke and Tom.
See #6 Above.
- 7) Roll Call of States Format: Charles
Charles will have Deb send out email to membership asking for Roll Call information. Email will direct members to a web site with further information. Deadline will be May 12th for submission to have them put onto the Conference CDROM. Tom's actual deadline is the 19th.
- 8) Exchange of Ideas: Tim.
Postmark date by May 1, \$100.00
- 9) First Timers Scholarship Process review: Luke and Tom
1,100 form national Crop insurance.
- 10) Historian's Report at Conference: Laurie
Laurie will email to Deb a request of the membership to send her particular digital pictures that they would like included in the official history.
- 11) National Institute Grant process update: Ron and Jim
Ed Persons declined the invitation to work on the national institute to explore avenues of funding. Other names were discussed, including Nora Yost (grant writing), Clark Hanson, Jim Gibson.
- 12) National Council position update: Rich
Billing from National Council. 1st came in August 2004. Confusion about whether the 1200 has been paid, or whether it has been applied to the National Council. Check 947 was paid September 7th in the amount of 1200.
- 13) Industry Relations Update: Ron
Cenex Harvest States: 2,500 grant. CHS foundation director William Nelson.

14) Resource Library Update: Charles/Deb

Charles and Deb didn't have a lot to report. They are hoping to get more done before the conference.

15) Pre-Conference Board meeting Start Time: John

John asked about the time allocated for the pre-conference board meeting. Suggested to start at 11:00 on Sunday for lunch and begin the meeting at 12:00.

16) Ted Mathews Grant and Position update; Tim

Tim will send out an update on the Ted Mathews grant that was not funded. Tim requested we pay Nora Yost 450.00 for preparation of the grant to the Phillips foundation. John moved, Tim seconded the motion to pay Nora Yost for her time working on this grant. Motion passed.

17) Additional agenda Items

NAFBAS conference: question of cross-registration for conferences; plan was to send to each others mailing list. Suggested to have one or two members representing NFRBMEA attend.

Annual report format: Need to add or update the sponsors that have funded the organization in the annual report.

Moved and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. R. Duell", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Charles Duell