

NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting

Double Tree Inn, Overland Park, KS

September 17, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Doug Wertish at 9:27 a.m.

Those present were Jay D. Olsen, Doug Wertish, Myron Oftedahl, Jim McCuistion, Ira Beckman, Deb Pike, Mark Holkup.

Added 2 items to the agenda: 5A-Bylaw review, and 11A Logo.

The board gave an interesting sharing of State reports and elements that affect the different program deliveries and administration in each State represented.

The secretary read the minutes from the Post-Conference Board meeting and mentioned that the minutes from the Annual meeting at Conference were on the website. An adjustment to the Communications Director's report was corrected to state that membership numbers were down 30, and Mark moved the minutes be approved as corrected. Jay seconded the motion and it carried.

Myron gave the Treasurer's report which showed a \$6088 net income after the split of funds from the Conference. Myron's concerns were the very low rate at which the CDs are earning and asked the group what options they felt could be used to increase those rates. Ira moved we accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. It was seconded by Jay and motion passed.

Regular dues were raised to \$40 at the Annual Meeting, which required a change in the Bylaws. To avoid the changing of the Bylaws every time there is a raise in dues, the Board is going to propose to the membership at the next Annual Meeting to change the Bylaws to read: "Dues will be set by a vote of the membership at the Annual Business Meeting". Mark moved that the Board make this proposal at the 2013 Annual Meeting and Myron seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Secretary is to send a statement of this to the Communications Director to publish in the next RTU. Responsibilities of the officers were reviewed while addressing the Bylaws.

The Communication Director gave her report. The website has been updated for both the NFRBMEA and the 2012 Conference sub-web. This included Membership list, final draft of Bylaws amended in 2010, the Board of Directors page, the 2012 Annual Report with corrections, Secretary's minutes, Conference photos, and Job Postings. The website is due for an overhaul, along with changing our Hosting Plan. Membership as of this meeting is: Regular 83, Affiliate 13, Honorary 1 for a total of 102, compared to 62 total last year. The Annual dunning letter was mailed out on August 30th to gather dues from previous members who had not yet paid their in 2012-13. The NFRBMEA brochure also needs an update.

Meeting was recessed for lunch.

After lunch, Doug gave a report via a phone contact from Jim Kelm and Tom Weygandt on the status of IABME. There are a few funds left and they would like to progress with initiating another sponsor to organize a new committee with a similar format as IABME. The importance of the committee was appreciated by the Board for their past service and what it has done for beginning instructors.

Jay moved and Mark seconded to eliminate the Resource Committee. Motion carried. It was suggested that the information from this committee be archived.

Ira gave a report on the National Council. He presented the financial report of the organization and addressed many topics that they are presently working on, as well as a list of participants. He is to attend a meeting next week and will send a report on the updates to the Communications Director to be published. The group was enlightened on the importance of our affiliation with National Council.

The 2012 Conference report was presented by Doug, which reflected a profit. The group felt the Conference was a well-organized and successful event and thanked Jim and Wayne for their work. Doug also discussed the large number of first-time attendees. The financial award for those attendees will need to be brought up before the joint meeting with NAFBAS.

Mark nominated John Deere for the Distinguished Service Award for their continued donations to the past year's Conferences. The nomination was seconded by Jay. Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award were discussed. Jim seconded the nomination.

Ira moved and Jay seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McCuistion
NFRBMEA Secretary