

# Minutes of the NFRBMEA Spring Board Meeting

May 22, 2020 • Conducted via Zoom

Attendees: Pauline Van Nurden, Lori Tonak, Tina LeBrun, Myron Oftedahl, Jennifer Smith and Deb Pike. Absent: Brad Sirianni.

The meeting was called to order by Pauline Van Nurden at 8:00 am. A motion was made by Lori Tonak to approve the minutes of previous board meeting, second by Myron Oftedahl; motion passed.

A 2020 Virtual Conference Planning Report was given by Myron Oftedahl. Scheduled dates are June 17 – 18, 2020. A \$100 registration fee for this event was discussed. Also, researching if dues can be paid with the conference registration fee online. Ag Centric will host the online conference, Judy Barka is the contact person.

Judy Barka and Jim McCabe need to communicate and decide how to do registration. There was discussion about how to have people join the virtual conference and how to ensure that only registrants can access the conference. Leave details up to Judy Barka at Ag Centric. Also, remind people not to share the meeting link with unregistered people.

Promotion link has been set up by Jim McCabe; Deb Pike will send out conference information in the *NUTS & BOLTS*.

Session hosts were discussed. It was suggested that someone give directions at the beginning on how the webinar will work, providing a print-friendly copy on the Conference website if people want a paper copy of directions, or use a scrolling link with directions. The “Presidents’ Welcome” would be at about 8:30 am and a preview of the 2021 conference would be given at the end of virtual conference on June 18. The NFRBMEA Annual Meeting will be held June 18 starting between 10:30 and 11 am, following conclusion of the last session. Deb Pike will need access to the Annual Meeting.

Sponsorship - Tina Lebrun will be working on it now that there is a schedule for the virtual conference, with the sponsorship levels as follows: \$250 for Basic sponsorship, for 1 attendee, logo promotion, and sponsor time to speak and promote their business. A \$500 sponsorship would be for 3 attendees, logo promotion, and sponsor time to speak and promote their business, as well as receive [an ad in] the *NUTS & BOLTS*. Tina is looking for any further sponsorship contacts that are beyond the regular list.

Myron will work on getting presentations ahead of time and attach them with a link from Zoom.

Annual Meeting planning: Myron Oftedahl (Treasurer’s report) and Pauline VanNurden (President’s report) send reports to Deb Pike. The 2020-21 Officer Slate: Past President: Pauline Van Nurden; President Elect: no candidate yet; Treasurer: Myron Oftedahl; Secretary: Jennifer Smith.

Jennifer Smith will send reminders to previous states’ contacts for the Roll Call of States. Possible candidate names for the Distinguished Service Award were discussed.

The next issue of *NUTS & BOLTS* was discussed; we decided to wait until after the virtual conference is complete.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Submitted by  
Jennifer Smith