

# Minutes of the Annual Spring Board Meeting

April 19, 2021 ● Conducted via Zoom

The meeting began at 3:30 pm. Those present: Pauline Van Nurden, Jennifer Smith, Lori Tonak, Deb Pike, Kara Wulfekuhle, Myron Oftedahl and Tina LeBrun. Absent: Brad Sirianni. We took a few minutes to share personal updates.

Myron shared 2021 NFBM Conference planning updates. The Conference will be offered both in-person and virtually. The Registration site is open. Potential registrants should have received an email from Bailee Peters, NAFBAS's Conference Registration Admin. The Registration site has links to an agenda, costs, and speaker lists. Deb has not received any additional information on speakers or an updated agenda to add to the Conference website. Myron pointed out that Deb is being paid to do the Conference website, so NAFBAS needs to get information to her so she can update it. Pauline will contact someone from NAFBAS about sending conference info Deb to get it on the Conference website, as Deb has received no response.

Myron reviewed the preliminary conference agenda on the Registration website. Regarding the Conference Notebook, Deb has not been putting it together. Jim McCabe took over heading that up. Deb was not asked for any NFRBMEA information, e. g. current officer list, for the notebook two years ago. Pauline will follow up with anything needed for conference. Myron is waiting to see if his out-of-state travel will be approved to attend the conference in person.

Myron made contact for 2022 conference but hasn't heard back yet. Just working on getting 2022 planning started.

Tina shared conference sponsorship updates. She had found a new sponsor, but didn't receive any response from NAFBAS, so lost that sponsor. She has not reached out to table sponsors, due to not being sure what format to follow for in-person and virtual options. She is looking for guidance from NAFBAS and a direction to send sponsors to see what is planned for the conference. Bret from NAFBAS is working on a new contact at John Deere and a seed dealer for sponsorship. At this point, nothing done for sponsorship. Myron said that NAFBAS talked about doing local sponsors, but not sure where that is at. Need communication with NAFBAS on form of sponsorship and types of sponsors. Lori shared that it's going to cost NFRBMEA money more because of lack of planning from NAFBAS on sponsors.

Pauline hasn't been invited to attend a planning meeting after the first when she received the meeting link late and missed it.

We need to find a new person to take Lori's place on the National Council when she retires this year. Deron Erickson may be interested.

In other Conference tasks, Pauline and Jennifer need to coordinate to be sure all plaques are ordered; the Secretary is in charge of Roll Call of States for the Annual Meeting; Myron and Kara will coordinate to get the tax return done; Brad needs to work on new President Elect for 2021-22.

Deb needs a few items for the 2020-21 NFRBMEA Annual Report: President's Executive Summary, treasurer's reports, and minutes. She also needs minutes from Anthony Barrett, NAFBAS, from last fall's joint board meeting. The annual reports are located at on the "[About Us](#)" page on our website.

Pauline will talk to Kevin Klair about the 2022 Conference, which will be a triennial conference. A virtual attendance option will probably need to be offered.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Jennifer Smith  
NFRBMEA Secretary