

# **Minutes of the NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting**

**June 7, 2021 via Zoom**

Called to order by Pauline Van Nurden at 8:04 am.

Members present: Pauline Van Nurden, Myron Oftedahl, Jennifer Smith, Kara Wulfekuhle, Tina LeBrun, Debra Pike, Lori Tonak; absent: Brad Sirianni

Motion to approve agenda by Myron Oftedahl, second by Jennifer Smith. Motion passed.

Board shared personal and professional updates. FBM Program Coordinator position in the talking stage at South Central and at Riverland. Erin Yost is new hire at Mitchell Tech in South Dakota. Lori Tonak will be done end of June at Mitchell Tech, but starting Crazy Lady Consulting. National Council has Lori on until December. There is a meeting in fall. Kara Wulfekuhle is taking a different job, so will be leaving the board as treasurer. Jeff Schultz will be up for election as treasurer at Annual Meeting in June 2021.

Jennifer Smith shared the plaques that are ready for conference and the roll call of states request (North Dakota and South Dakota have been received and sent to Jim McCabe). Minutes from fall joint board meeting are online and were taken by Anthony of NAFBAS. Motion to approve secretary's report by Tina LeBrun second by Kara Wulfekuhle.

Kara Wulfekuhle shared Treasurer's report on the profit & loss statement. Explained the conference profit is low because deposits from the conference came in after March 2021. Kara shared proposed budget for 2022-2023. Question and discussion had for amount to put into Board Meeting Expense line in proposed budget. Decided to leave proposed Board Meeting Expense at \$1500 and Legal & Professional at \$400. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Jennifer Smith, second by Myron Oftedahl, motion passed.

Communications Director's report by Deb Pike, membership report is 70 regular members and 10 affiliate members. Previous year we had 73 regular members and 9 affiliates. There is a new membership card design and gives date of when the dues have been paid. Deb is working on annual report and will be adding the treasurer's report. Deb is looking for pictures from last year's conference because it was virtual there are not many pictures. Deb has been doing conference updates on the website. The latest conference agenda is updated as of June 4, 2021. Conference updates from Bailee are being passed on via e-mail. There have been struggles communicating and working together with NAFBAS. Kara Wulfekuhle motion to approve, Tina LeBrun seconded, motion passed.

Tina LeBrun shared sponsorship report, starting with loss of sponsors due to poor communication with NAFBAS. A plan to improve the communication needs to be discussed because sponsors are being lost for the conference. Concerns with who is in charge at conference for spotlighting the vendors at Hilton Head. Questions by Tina are if vendors will be able to speak at the conference both in person and virtual, recognition for vendors how is being done at conference. A suggestion would be to have a joint conference planning committee meeting prior to the conference would be very helpful to meet prior to conference by a couple months. Tina got a lot of information from Bob Rhea's email with a short recording of information from his group planning for conference. Kent Vickre is in charge of virtual side of conference. Normal sponsors are still supporting the conference either in person or virtually, but no new sponsors. Send any ideas to Tina LeBrun that would improve the sponsorship

communication between NAFBAS and NFRBMEA. Deb Pike suggested to go back to every other month joint conference planning committee meeting. The 2022 conference is hosted by Extension, 2023 conference will be hosted by NFRBMEA and a location needs to be determined. Pauline Van Nurden shared that Michigan was initially interested, but needs follow-up. Motion to approve report by Myron Oftedahl and second by Lori Tonak.

Pauline Van Nurden will send out a virtual link to all for the participants to join if on-line for the joint conference board meeting.

Lori Tonak, National Council Representative, gave her report. They worked on vision goals for 2020, virtual trainings and planning work, revised their by-laws; if projects need to be done, then council will look for ways to fund the project. There have been some businesses that came into the group and expanded the focus to include all of the agricultural education areas and not just FFA. September meeting for council, should Lori attend since her term is done in December? Can Deron Erickson go with Lori Tonak to the meeting to assist in the transition? Lori will check to see if both can go to the National Council Fall meeting. Motion to approve by Myron Oftedahl, second by Jennifer Smith, motion passed.

2021 Conference South Carolina, update by Pauline Van Nurden and Myron Oftedahl. Not a lot to report now, but hopefully the on-line version works well for the conference. South Dakota will watch on-line and can give feedback on the quality of the on-line version. Myron talked to IT and could check out an OWL (rotating microphone) to use for the annual meeting at the conference. Pauline is hosting annual meeting via Zoom, and will ask Deb to send the zoom link out to the membership.

2022 Conference Colorado hosted by Extension, Myron reported Curtis Mahnken at CFFM will be the lead for the conference, and assuming will be back to multiple smaller sessions of breakout meetings. Myron will need to get a video clip to show at Hilton Head for the 2022 conference. Discussion about planning and having the tours again. The tours are important part of the educational part of the conference. Pauline shared that Joleen Hadrich and Dan Mooney maybe are good contacts for tours who are on U of M campus already. (Joleen used to be CSU faculty and Dan is a current CSU faculty member.) MOU still has a few years between the groups for holding conferences.

Pauline Van Nurden shared Brad Sirianni' s letter to resign with the board via e-mail prior to this meeting. Officer recommendations: Deron Erickson is interested in the National Council Representative position. Jeff Schultz is interested in the Treasurer position. The President Elect position is still open. Keep working on engaging new members in NFRBMEA.

The joint board meeting will be held Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm ET both online and virtual. Jim McCabe is doing the agenda for the meeting.

Annual NFRBMEA meeting will be June 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 pm ET both on-line and virtual and anyone can attend even if not attending the conference. Pauline shared the tentative agenda for the meeting and additions and corrections were made. The filing notification will have to be discussed and potentially added to the by-laws if added to treasurer. Lori noted to be sure to include the Eastern Time of the meeting and the Central Time for the meeting. Myron adjourn annual meeting as new President, then ready to go forward into the Post-Conference board meeting.

Post-conference NFRBMEA board meeting scheduled for a week or so after the conference is concluded. The meeting will not be held in Hilton Head.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Tonak, second Tina Lebrun. Meeting Adjourned at 9:51am.

Submitted by

Jennifer Smith, NFRBMEA Secretary