

Minutes for WEASA phone-conference meeting

April 29, 2009

Members in attendance: Mark Heitstuman, Norman Suverly, Stephen VanVleet, Susan Kerr, Doug Steinbarger, John Fouts, Jean Smith, Sarah Smith, Tim Waters, Paul Carter, Janet Schmidt, Frank Hendrix

Meeting started at 2:03 pm.

1.) Minutes were emailed to members prior to meeting for review. Janet moved to approve. John 2nd. Motion carried

Mark mentioned that Doug Warnock was nominated for the NACAA Hall of Fame award but was not chosen.

2.) Treasurer's report by Frank. Balance in Washington Mutual Checking account is \$1544.52. The Washington State Employee's Credit Union has \$0.86 in the money mover and \$54.14 in the WEASA scholarship account. The TIAA-CREF Mutual Fund currently has \$24,342.34.

Frank stated that the money can not be moved out of the account with out the names addresses, and social security numbers of the WEASA officers if we are to put the money somewhere else for it to be more accessible. Frank knows someone with Smith Barney who will move the money with the proper paperwork out of TIAA-CREF and into a Smith Barney account. Then the money can be easily moved into a fund of our choice and not necessarily with Smith Barney. The reason the funds are so difficult to move is due to Homeland Security issues.

John moved that the necessary paper work be filled out, (i.e. names, addresses, and social security numbers of WEASA officers) so that a representative of Smith Barney in Yakima can move the funds from TIAA-CREF to a Smith Barney account. The funds will then be available for WEASA to move where they see fit. Janet 2nd. Motion carried

3.) 2009 Portland AM/PIC

9 posters and 7 presentations will be given by WEASA members. Paul, Sarah and Mark submitted applications for National Search for Excellence awards. Go to <http://www.nacaa.com/awards/> to see who is presenting.

Susan stated that sponsors for tours are low and costs are high. Some tours may be charging a \$20 fee to participate. Some lunches may cost extra as well. Registration will be raised to \$295 for regular members.

The Oregon members are asking for tour hosts. Norman stated he would contact Todd Murray to help with a gorge tour. Descriptions of the tours can be viewed at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/oaea/announcements/2009-annual-meeting-nacaa>

Oregon is also in need of more exhibitors for the trade show. They are lowering the price to \$250 to attract exhibitors. Contact Brian Tuck can be contacted if you have any ideas Brian.Tuck@oregonstate.edu

It was stated that no SE District money will be available to assist in travel expenses to the Portland meeting.

According to members attending the phone conference, those planning or tentatively planning to go to Portland are: John Fouts, Mark Heitstuman, Susan Kerr, Janet Schmidt, Debbie Moberg, Frank Hendrix, Norman Suverly, Doug Steinbarger, Stephen VanVleet, Aaron Esser, Shannon Neibergs, Tip Hudson, Jean Smith, Paul Carter, Gwen Hoheisel, Gary Fredricks, Todd Murray, and an unnamed person who will be a recipient of a national award. Some spouses will be attending as well.

Janet proposed an idea to use some of our money once it is released from TIAA-CREF to help members with travel to the Portland meeting. She suggested \$200.

John stated to not go below \$20,000 of the funds if were to do this.

John moved that all members who are attending the 2009 Portland AM/PIC can apply for a scholarship and receive up to \$295 (cost of regular member registration) to help with travel expenses. The total amount to be available and to be divided among applicants will be equal to any amount that is exceeding \$20,000 in the account. Frank 2nd. Motion carried.

Doug asked if the hotel will require attendants to stay in the motels or suffer a fee. Susan stated she was not sure and would check with the Oregon membership.

The AM/PIC website is

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/oaea/announcements/2009-annual-meeting-nacaa>

4.) 2011 Western Regional Professional Improvement meeting

It was the group's consensus that the Tri-Cities would be a good place to host the meeting. The planning committee will be Tim Waters, Janet Schmidt, Norman Suverly, Susan Kerr, Mark Heitstuman. Mark will let Virginia Knerr (NACAA Western Region Director) know that will host the 2011 meeting. A date has not been set but they are typically in the fall. It is at the discretion of the host state. The committee will meet soon to start plans.

5.) Elections

John fouts, Janet Schmidt, and Susan Kerr (chair) make up the nomination committee. A slate of officers will be announced July 1 and electronic ballot sent out on August 1 to the membership. Members will have 10-15 days to cast their ballots.

Janet motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jean 2nd. Adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Submitted by Norman Suverly, WEASA Secretary