

Pre Convention Board Meeting

September 21, 2011, Crown Plaza Hotel, Billings, Mt.

Mary Lemons called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Those present were Duane McCullough, Lenita Hansen, Becky Spencer, Gloria Albright, Joyce Funkhouser-Lingelbach (District 9 Governor), Gary Kasper, Colleen Black and Jeanne Stecher.

Mary Lemons asked for the review of the previous Board Meeting. No changes were stated.

Mary Lemons asked Duane McCullough to present the Administrative Rules. Mary Lemons asked him if he had a By Law change on the "Memorandum of Understanding". He stated no as there is problem with the last statement on the "Memorandum of Understanding". Questions on how to handle a nomination from the floor. He felt we needed to revamp the "Administrative Rules" for this provision. Gary Kasper stated that as is it would not follow "Roberts Rules of Order". Duane McCullough made the motion for any potential nominations from the floor suspended the Administrative Rule concerning the Memorandum of Understanding until such time the board can determine a more effective way to handle. Lenita Hansen seconded the motion. No further discussion followed and the vote passed.

Colleen Black made a motion that item two be corrected to delete "or member employee" Discussion followed. Colleen Black amended her motion to also insert "per firm" after \$500 and delete "or member employee". Duane McCullough seconded and it was approved.

Mary Lemons asked for discussion on item four. Discussion followed by all those present. Duane made a motion of insert "maximum of" after Up to and after nights " annually" and to change meetings to "Board Meetings". Colleen Black seconded it and it passed.

Duane McCullough presented the published By Law Change concerning the certified Registered Tax Preparers. Discussion on the topic of an Associate Member vs. Active Member. National has approved those Preparers as Active Members. Becky Spencer made a motion to present at the General Meeting an amendment to reflect the change to the published By Law. Lenita Hansen seconded and it passed.

Mary Lemons asked Lenita Hansen to report on the CVent contract. Lenita stated all the benefits and the necessity to make a decision on the contract before October 30, 2011 or it will automatically renew. Discussion on adding the \$995 for the "Membership Management" feature. Gloria Albright stated concern over the additional cost. Lenita Hansen explained that it allowed the members to edit their sites and have advantages of access to each other. Gary Kasper asked if a member did not wish to be listed could they exclude themselves. Lenita Hanson clarified that the member can indicate not to allow access. Jeanne Stecher pointed out that we do not have an approval after December from the IRS as an

educator provider. Concern about four year contract commitment. Lenita Hansen explains that if that were to happen we would be refunded. Jeanne Stecher offered a solution available based on ASWA organization revised website at a very low cost with all the same features. The creator, Jason Rodriguez, will be on staff in October and more than available to handle the transfer and having it appear as a main site on continuing education. Lenita Hansen stated that she would be very interested, as long as we don't have to go back the old paper way. Mary Lemons asked for a phone conference call on October 18th of the Board for a decision. Email may be an option also for the decision. Jason will be in contact with Lenita the first part of October and outline the cost and time involved. Gloria Albright asked what the cost would be. He will be the best source on that information.

Mary Lemons asked for Nominating Committee Report. Becky Spencer stated that Gloria Albright for VP, Cora Lee Christenson and Duane McCullough for Directors. Nominations will be entertained from the floor.

Gloria Albright announced the General Membership Meeting will be held immediately following the end of class in that room. Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. in a room down the hall. The newly elected officers and directors will be installed by District 9 Governor, Joyce Funkhouser-Lingelbach during dinner.

Mary Lemons asked for old business and being none, asked for new business. No one had anything additional to bring to the table.

Lenita Hansen made a motion to close the meeting. Duane McCullough seconded and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Stecher
Executive Secretary