

MSPA Board Meeting 10-5-2011

The meeting by phone conference was called to order by Van at 9:00 a.m. by Van Barron. Those on the line were Mary Lemons, Gloria Albright, Becky Spencer, Lenita Hansen, and Duane McCullough, Cora Christensen and Jeanne Stecher.

Becky Spencer made a motion for the Executive Secretary position to be put out for bid. Discussion followed on the time frame and coordination with E Commerce and the education seminars. Van Barron he was not interested in changing at this time. Lenita Hansen agreed due education in process. Suggestion on following Fiscal year that ends May 31st. Cora Christensen suggested that we have list of duties that are performed. Gloria Albright suggested that it be posted to all members. Mary Lemons suggested that it be advertised after the first of the year and they could submit a bid. Duane McCullough pointed out the election for the Executive Secretary and Treasurer according to the By-Laws calls for it to be immediately following Annual Convention. Discussion on timing with the By-Laws and possible change for the next general Meeting. Becky Spencer amended her motion to read, "The executive secretary position to be put out for bid and take effect June 1, 2012 or after the end of the fiscal year." Gloria Albright seconded and with no further discussion, Van Barron took a vote individually. Passed unanimously. Gloria Albright asked Van Barron to appoint a committee so it can be published in the December Newsletter. Van Barron appointed Becky Spencer as chair with Frank Kuehn and Jeanne Stecher.

Becky Spencer made a motion for Jeanne Stecher to continue as Executive Secretary and Gary Kasper as Treasurer for the upcoming year. Lenita Hansen seconded and passed.

Van Barron confirmed the committee appointments.

Membership - Mary Lemons. She is planning on being present at the Registered Tax Preparer test sites to provide information on benefits MSPA and NSA.

Education - Cora Christensen for the western half of Montana and Gloria Albright for the eastern half of Montana. She has a committee to work with her.

By-Laws - Duane McCullough affirmed.

Political Action - Becky Spencer would prefer to not serve in that position any longer. Van Barron will meet with Duane McCullough and Gary Mariegard to discuss. He feels it should be an EA to protect their rights with the State Board of Accountancy. Living in the Helena area is a benefit due to the fact that the Board meets are held there.

Scholarship - Jeanne Stecher stated that Mike Sullivan has moved out of Montana. Van Barron suggested Colleen Black. He will contact her for her approval.

Website Multimedia - Lenita Hansen affirmed. She along with Cora Christensen and Jeanne Stecher will bring information on providers to the Board.

Newsletter - Gloria Albright stated that she has Liz from Becky Spencer's office as an understudy.

Leadership training in Seattle Oct 21, 22 and 23rd will be attended by Cora Christensen. Mary Lemons had appointed her before her tenure expired. Mary will be there also at no expense due to her position with NSA and she will attend the District Meeting as Assistant State Director.

C-Vent – E-commerce was the next agenda item. Becky Spencer suggested that we let Lenita make the decision. Van Barron stated that he has informed them that we will not be doing a four year contract. Lenita Hansen stated that a one year contract is \$4600. Discussion on the cost, alternatives. etc. Mary Lemons made a motion to not extend the contract with C-Vent which ends in November. Becky Spencer seconded. No further discussion and Van Barron took an individual voice vote with five approving and one abstaining.

Van Barron asked Lenita Hansen to chair the committee with Cora Christensen and Jeanne Stecher to provide the alternatives. We have four possible providers - CPA solutions, Jennings, Van's and CVent. We need to have in place by June 1st for the membership renewals. Forward the information to Van Barron.

Van Barron set the next conference call for November 15th at 9:00 a.m. He expects reports on the Executive Secretary, E Commerce and education schedule.

Lenita Hansen moved we adjourn and Cora Christensen seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Stecher, Executive Secretary