

TAA Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2014

Meeting Began 10:06 a.m.

Attendees:

Sal Morales, Phil Polizzato (CSB), Josh Crosby, Cathy Erwin, Jay Morris, Sterling Skousen, Tommy Simms, Jeff Walker, Donna Hill, Paul Padilla, Jenny Sempf, Steve Doorman, Shannon Weber

Absent:

Hilma Garner (President Elect) Tony Mylynek (VP), Mike Ajeman

Introductions of new members

Treasure Report – Balance to date \$22,422.54 – 3 pending payments from 2014 conference (Prescott, Hopi, Scottsdale) Payment to NAPT for class materials, and payment to Chandler Schools Food Service Dept.

2014 Conference Expense \$90,000.00–conference center, speakers, hotel block for speakers, entertainment, all expenses.

Request for end of year 06/30/2014 tax information for tax process submittal by Jay Morris.

Discussion regarding vendor from 2014 Murder Mystery Dinner – vendor has asked that TAA reimburse for centerpieces – organization was under the impression they were purchased, vendor says they were rented. TAA paperwork and agreement does not define rental – we will ask them to provide clear language regarding this prior to making a decision to pay for the items.

Jay requests that the audit committee schedule a time to come together for their annual assessment. (Jay, Sterling, Tommy)

2015 Conference dates confirmed June 21-June 25 2015.

Discussion of Keynotes – Pete Meslin NAPT (Tuesday) \$2000.00 (estimated)

Gary Nine, former Superintendent and school Administrator AZ (Wednesday)
Motivation of all staff, how are we transportation folks important to the big picture.(\$1,000.00)

Discussion of other Keynotes –

Class format will duplicate 2014 agenda- mechanics will stay on site at conference center.

Monday NAPT classes will be instructed by Jeff Walker, and Shannon Weber

Registration forms goal 1/31/15

An agenda should be more timely due to the fact that many districts require a formal agenda in order to approve school business travel and PO for conference attendance. Goal is March.

No changes requested for vendor show set up except possibly allowing about 30 additional minutes for set up. If we can get creative with an earlier breakfast start, or shorter breakfast on Wed. Discussion will follow.

Compliments of conference and vendor show improvements over the years from Phil Polizzato.

Donna Hill will begin working on 2015 conference entertainment and activities, she will be seeking someone to pass the Historian reigns to, she would like someone to shadow this conference to understand the commitment of the role. All will be making recommendations, discussion of Sandy Brown. There was very positive feedback on bowling night, not so positive on murder mystery dinner. Next meeting suggestions will be brought. There was discussion of a band with a carnival/midway theme to entertain all. Cost was discussed, how much is going to be allotted for entertainment expenses?

Shirt sizes of new members to Donna via email , all conquered that red shirts are the way to go.

Next meeting registration goodies (bags, jump drives, note pads, shirts, etc) will be discussed in further detail. Flash drives will be used for vendor information.

Regions vacating for 2015 – 2,3,6, and President Elect. All will be on ballot and open for nomination at the 2015 conference.

Insurance will not change all was excellent and coverage is throughout the year and all activities for a reasonable price.

Jay Morris request feedback and commitment, as well as clarification of by-laws as they relate to current president Jeff Walker's plans with a new position in the student transportation industry.

Jeff is continuing in transportation as Trainer/Instructor/Driver in Buckeye he will also be working for a transportation routing software company – questions surfaced to verify his company will not be participating as a vendor in the TAA conference. He assured the Board that his participation and role as president would not be affected and he would represent on behalf of Buckeye and his trainer/driver position.

Clarification requested that the change in career would not interrupt his dedication and ability to serve in his full capacity on the board. That he would have to be careful not to cross the two ventures.

Jeff confirmed his commitment to the organization is true and would not be affected, if it is not a direct violation of by laws we will continue as we are. Any issues arising would require further discussion. No changes at this time.

Next Meeting 11/19/15- Canyon State Bus Sales Office

Adjournment 11:32 a.m. Motion to adjourn Jeff Walker, second Sterling Skousen, all in favor motion carried.

TAA budget balance after insurance purchase \$31,160.00 –