

TAA Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2013

Meeting Began 10:01 a.m.

Attendees:

Jeff Walker, Jay Morris, Sal Morales, Anthony Mlynek, Sterling Skousen,

Josh Crosby, Jim O'connell (RWC), Hilma Garner, Donna Hill,

Shannon Weber, Mark Henning, Cathy Erwin, Tommy Sims

Absent:

Sandy Brown, Mike Ajeman, Jolene Etsitty

Jeff Walker opened meeting welcome/introductions of Board and all attendees.

Lydia Hill was nominated as new Region 1 Representative

Motion made by Jeff Walker, motion second by Donna Hill-motion carried

Sterling presented the treasure report - a review of Income vs. Expenses was distributed;

2011-2012 Incomce \$109,902 Expenses \$97,801.80

2012-2013 Income \$110,467 Expenses \$ 108,030.42

Discussion and explanation of differences in expenses vs. income.

Sterling Skousen was relieved of Treasurer duties and a new appointed Treasurer was named Tommy Sims.

Josh Crosby made a motion to recommend Sterling Skousen to serve in the vacant opening of Vendor Liason second by Sal Morales - motion carried.

Jeff Walker thanked Sterling Skousen for his excellent service as TAA Treasurer.

Jay Morris reviews a letter of resignation for the TAA Board from past-president Connie Draper, the letter also advises the board that she will be unable to represent or host the Special Needs Road-EO.

Due to this resignation and the vacancy in the Board there is a motion made by Jeff Walker that previous past president Josh Crosby be placed back into the position to serve as support, Hilma Garner second- motion carried

Hilma Garner makes a motion due to the circumstances and the resignation that the Special Needs Road-EO be postponed until October 2014. Second by Sal Morales-motion carried.

It was recommended that a letter of recognition and thanks be prepared and presented to Connie for her service to the organization and the board. That letter will be prepared and reviewed by current president Jeff Walker and sent on or before 9/17/13.

Conference Feedback Review of the 2012-2013 Conference was distributed for discussion. No significant areas of displeasure- food, entertainment, and value received an 85% rating or higher.

The ADE session was not positively received. The program content and knowledge of facilitators and their ability to answer questions was minimal. Connie Draper is addressing these concerns directly in writing.

Many attendees would prefer to have back by popular demand the Thursday morning DPS Q&A - everyone in one room and available for open discussion has become the tradition and preference.

Discussion of how to improve survey participation, 25% of attendees are completing the survey after conference - can we distribute at conference and have it returned for a prize to increase participation? Also, discussion of specialty surveys for specialty presentations i.e; NAPT sections, Maintenance track.

Plans and discussion to secure NAPT Instructor schedules -who will facilitate, discussion of cost.

Open discussion of Maintenance track, was it well received, was there true benefit, can we bring most of it back to the conference center, should we make this a Monday opportunity - utilize Flagstaff for hands on piece only. Total attendees 9.

Future conference meal accommodations, discussion of adjusting registration form to offer vegetarian, Gluten free, etc.

An audit committee was formed;

Motion was made by Jeff Walker and second by Shannon Weber to appoint audit committee members Jay Morris, Tommy Sims, and Hilma Garner with Sterling Skousen as a committee meeting attendee as past Treasurer. Motion carried

New ideas

Many new ideas were discussed for possible implementation

- Meeting minutes and agendas to be posted on website
- TAA members may be welcome to attend /observe quarterly board meetings
- Conference attendee fee scholarships for various districts
- Awards and recognitions, transportation representative of the year
- Award criteria, nominee forms to be prepared
- Daily conference attendance fees vs all week package
- Feedback and comments section on our website
- Monthly letter from our president to members
- Bowling tournament, golf tournament
- Vacant layout of vendor show on website

Motion was made by Josh Crosby to post meeting dates and agendas on TAA website second by Jeff Walker - motion carried.

2013-2014 Conference Venue High Country Conference Center / Drury Inn

Dates for conference June 16, 2014- June 19, 2014.

Keynote speaker already secured - Litchfield Elementary Administration

Jeff Walker and Tony Mlynek will be overseeing speaker assignments

All Board Members were encouraged to teach a session bringing it back to basics and back to AZ with fewer outside instructors.

Cathy Erwin shared the efforts of Prescott Unified in partnership with DPS to secure memorial license plates for fallen heroes-

Brief discussion of the effective date of House Bill 2170 some discussion on clarification for loading zones.

Next meeting will be advised via email

Meeting adjourned 12:04p.m.

Minutes prepared by SW/Reviewed and approved by JW