

IDEA DIRECTORS MEETING
April 16th, 2014
Teleconference – 10:00 MST
MINUTES

Members On-line:

Robbie Taylor, President, Division VI, Joyce Smith, Division VI Director/Secretary, Chris Simons, Vice-President, Division IV, Robert Flagor, Division I, Cathy Bolin, Director, Division II, Lisa Transtrom, Director V/ Treasurer, Division V; Vicki Lukehart, Director, Division III, Delwyne Trefz, Soil Commission

President Robbie Taylor called the teleconference to order at 10:00 am MST with the above directors on-line, welcome and introductions were made by all on line.

Motion was made by Vicki Lukehart to approve the minutes of the last directors' meeting held November 17, 2013 , seconded by Joyce Smith; motion carried.

Lisa Transtrom reviewed the Treasurer reports which had been previously provided. There was some discussion regarding the budgets versus the actual numbers, this was due to not having received the 2013 Conference funds from IASCD of \$ 2,455.10. The current budget projection shows the IASCD Raffle funds removed due to IASCD no longer doing the raffle. However, the actual dues income received shows an increase of \$120.00 due to some Districts making additional donations. There was some discussion whether the budget should be amended at this time or wait to see if the additional dues are paid. ***Motion was then made by Cathy Bolin to accept the treasurer reports, seconded by Joyce Smith; motion carried.***

Robbie informed the directors that Linda Daniels will be retiring from the Oneida Soil Conservation District.

There was discussion regarding the IDEA dues, there are 6 Districts that have not paid their dues for 2014, it was decided to wait and see if the dues are received, then a 2nd invoice could be sent as a reminder.

Delwyne Trefz from the Soil Commission gave a report on the Commission putting together the annual and 5 year plans, the Commission is also working on the time allocations for staff time, these requests were due in by March 31, 2014, the Commission expects to have this completed by June 2, 2014 for the 2015 Fiscal year. Delwyne stated that Brian is to attend 1 board meeting per quarter.

Old Business

The subject of workshop funds was brought up and discussed; currently \$ 200.00 is allotted to each Division for training during the year, the revised budget shows an increase to \$400.00 per Division, it was discussed that each Division should be able to do 1 or more workshops during the year as long as funds are available.

Motion was then made by Joyce Smith and seconded by Cathy Bolin to allow each Division to use up their allocated funds during the year from January 1st – December 31st for more than 1 workshop, all requests to be reviewed by all directors, and requests need to be on required form with an Agenda; motion carried.

Chris Simons does a performance report and asked each Division to provide her a report highlighting their workshops so this information can be included into the Performance Report for IASCD.

A Motion was then made by Chris Simons of Division IV to approve the revised budget overview, seconded by Joyce Smith; motion carried.

Francis Perkes of the Butte SWCD in Arco volunteered to update the Resource Directory, and needs any changes sent to her so she can complete the new directory.

Ideas for a workshop for the 2014 IASCD conference to be held in Lewiston from Nov 16th to the 19th were discussed. Possible Social Media use was one idea, another thought was Districts conduct training on such items, but not limited to, school programs and public outreach with county residents. Further discussion will continue at the Director's summer meeting in June 2014 in Boise.

Robbie asked the directors to start thinking of possible extra funding sources for the IDEA raffle done during conference. With the dwindling budgets and the possibility of another reduction in the IDEA share of IASCD conference income, it will be important to find the funds necessary to fund our raffle. It will be further discussed at the summer board meeting.

The Professional Growth Scholarship that has previously been funded by IDEA and discontinued via Directors vote at last summer's Directors meeting was discussed. The Directors agreed to reinstate the funding for the Professional Growth Scholarship with an increase in the amount that an employee could receive. Previously the amount was \$75.00 per scholarship; the amount will be increased to \$100.00, and two scholarships per year for a total of \$200.00 will be available.

A Motion was then made by Vicki Lukehart of Division III to reinstate and approve the revised Professional Growth Scholarship, seconded by Joyce Smith; motion carried.

A date for the summer meeting in Boise was discussed. In the past, coordinating with the IASCD Board meeting has been advantageous, June 19th, 2014 has been set for the summer meeting, with everyone staying at the Oxford suites and having the meeting at the USDA office if available or checking with Benjamin to use an office at his building. Robbie will look into using the USDA space and let everyone know as this would be closer than traveling to Meridian where Benjamin's office is located. The IASCD's meeting will be held at Benjamin's office in Meridian June 20 & 21, 2014.

Robbie addressed the subject of a District Employee Recognition Award that could be given to an employee that is leaving their District, it was discussed that awards are given out to employees with 15 years of service during the November Conference, as well as the Employee of the year award that on occasion is awarded to 2 employees, a ten year award of service plaque was discussed, to be given to an employee who is leaving their District in good standing upon receiving notice from the Division director. ***A Motion was then made by Lisa Transtrom of Division IV to approve the 10 Year Award of Service, seconded by Vicki Lukehart; motion carried.***

The Next IDEA Director's meeting will be June 19th, 2014 in Boise, Idaho.

With no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Transtrom and seconded by Chris Simons; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM MST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Smith, Secretary