

**IDEA DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Teleconference – 10:00 MST**  
**MINUTES**

***Members On-line:***

Robbie Taylor, President, Division VI, Kerry Christiansen, Vice-President, Director V, Joyce Smith, Secretary Division VI, Chris Simons Treasurer, Division IV and Vicki Lukehart, Historian, Division III

***Members absent:***

Cassie Olson, Division I, Director position from Division II vacant

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

President Taylor asked for a review of the Minutes from November 14, 2017, minutes were sent out prior to meeting for review.

***Motion was made by Vicki Lukehart to approve the minutes of the last directors' meeting held November 14, 2017 in Boise, seconded by Joyce Smith; motion carried 100%***

Chris Simons reviewed the Treasurer reports which had been previously provided. There was discussion and review of transactions by account, profit and loss budget vs. actual for 2017, and the profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for 2018 to date. 41 districts have paid their dues with a total of \$2,050 that has been received so far, and an additional \$ 575.00 has been received as donations made by districts. The 2018 Envirothon and Forestry Contest donations have been paid in the amount of \$450.00 each.

***Motion was then made by Kerry Christensen to accept and approve the treasurer's reports, seconded by Joyce Smith; motion carried. 100% approved***

**New Business**

Vicki mentioned that the Payette SWCD has a new employee.

Chris Simons attended the January 2018 IASCD Meeting in Boise, a report of this meeting was sent out to all directors. IASCD will be having their summer meeting in Boise June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> starting at noon. They will address and sign the new IDEA agreement at the summer meeting; The Fall IASCD Conference will be November 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Post Falls, Idaho. Also discussed at the IASCD meeting was a possible short video from each of the Divisions to be presented in November at the annual IASCD conference. A date for the summer meeting in Boise was discussed. In the past, coordinating with the IASCD Board meeting has been advantageous for IDEA. With the IASCD meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, IDEA will have their meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> and will finish up the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Any IDEA director wishing to attend the IASCD meeting will be able to return home on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be made at the Oxford Suites for all directors attending. A question to consider was ideas for the annual IDEA conference workshop. This will be further addressed at the summer meeting.

Also at the summer meeting, the potential of posting training videos on the IDEA web site will be discussed.

President Taylor mentioned having a joint workshop training on Quick Books in Arco on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April for anyone wanting to attend from Divisions IV, V & VI. This workshop will be beneficial to any new employee and a refresher for other. A questionnaire will be sent out to all district employees for input on areas they would like to have covered during the training.

IDEA Professional Growth Scholarships were discussed. Currently there are four \$100.00 scholarships, and three have been approved so far, this year with one remaining. Discussion was made about increasing the number of scholarships from 4 to 8 at \$100.00 each, as well as increasing the Division training amount from \$500.00 to \$600.00 per division.

**A motion was made by Kerry Christensen and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce Smith to approve the changing in the number of Professional Growth scholarships from four to eight and increasing the amount for Division workshops from \$500.00 to \$600.00. Motion carried with 100% approved.**

These changes will be effective as of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with changes to be made to update the policy and procedures. With the increase of four additional scholarships at \$100.00 each and increasing Division workshop funds by \$100.00 each, an augmented budget will be required. Updated policy and procedures will be updated and will be sent out for final approval by the IDEA directors.

Current IDEA dues were also discussed, currently at \$50.00. Suggestions were made to reword and update our current dues letter to highlight the need by IDEA for additional donations. There was discussion regarding a possible increase in annual dues from the current \$50.00 to \$75.00.

Currently Division II does not have an IDEA Director; discussion took place about approaching Amanda Abajan from the Bonner SWCD and Jessica Harold from the Ada SWCD as a possible replacement until a director from Division II is elected. A letter will be sent to Steve Becker, the IASCD Division II Director, to address Division II IDEA Director vacancy with the hope of finding someone to take on the position. This will be discussed again at the summer meeting to see where things are.

### **Old Business**

At the summer meeting, possible Raffle Prizes will be discussed.

**With no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Joyce Smith and seconded by Kerry Christiansen. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM MST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Smith, Secretary