

**IDEA DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Cimarron Conference Room Oxford Suites**  
**1426 South Entertainment Avenue**  
**Boise, Idaho 83709**  
**MINUTES**

***Members Present:***

Robbie Taylor, President, Division 6, Joyce Smith, Secretary, Division 6, Chris Simons, Treasurer, Division 4, Jennifer Pierce New Director for Division 4, Kerry Christiansen, Director Division 5, Chris Hatch Division 5 Alternate, Janet Mendenhall, Director, Division 2, Sarah Garcia, Director Division 1

***Directors Absent:*** Stefanie Kazyaka, Division 3

President Robbie Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am MST with the above director's present. Completion of travel Vouchers were completed at this time. Welcome and introductions were made by all.

Minutes from the last meeting, held by phone conference on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, were reviewed, the minutes had been previously provided for all Directors to review via email.

***Motion was made by Kerry Christiansen to approve the minutes of the last directors' meeting held by phone, motion was seconded by Sarah Garcia, motion carried 100%***

**Treasurer's Report:**

Chris Simons reviewed the Treasurer reports which had been previously provided via email. There was discussion and review of transactions report and the budget vs. actual for CY-2021. A report listing the districts that have and have not paid dues for 2021 was also provided. 10 districts have not paid their dues yet. It was discussed to resend dues invoices to the districts that have not paid dues. No Employee Scholarships have been used this past year, so there are 8 available. No Division workshops have been held this year due to the Covid Virus.

***Motion was made by Joyce Smith to accept the treasurer reports as given, seconded by Kerry Christiansen. motion carried 100%***

**Liaison Reports- NRCS: Curtis Elke**

Curtis talked about the current pandemic. District board meetings can start to be held in NRCS field offices during evening hours only. NRCS vehicles are available for District to use. Cujrtis also talked about changes to partner payment amounts to possibly change to \$15.00 per hour and \$ 20.00 for Technical Assistant. The new NRCS Chief is Terry Cosby from Ohio. The top three goals for NRCS are, #1. Inclusion, #2. Equity and Climate smart Ag. #3. Urban Ag. Names for the 17 conservation teams have been assigned.

**Soil Water Commission: Joe Petersen**

Joe reported that he started with the SWC started January 2021. Loretta Strickland also started in Division 3 as a water quality specialist and in Division 1 Katie Yoder is a new SWC employee.

Joe talked about information to be sent out about Base Funding, additional funds now added to Base Funding, \$ 8,500.00, \$ 6,000.00 for operational funds, totaling \$14,500.00. Terri Murrison's last day with the SWC is June 11<sup>th</sup>. Delwyne will be acting until new person hired. New shorter survey being sent out to all districts, due by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

### **IASCD: Benjamin Kelly**

Fall Division meeting dates set for October, Division #1 October 7<sup>th</sup>, Division #2 October 14<sup>th</sup>, Division #3 October 12<sup>th</sup>, Division #4 October 21<sup>st</sup>, Division #5 October 20<sup>th</sup>, Division #6 October 19<sup>th</sup>. Resolutions due in by 1<sup>st</sup> of November, Fall Conference to be held in Boise November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Riverside. Looking at doing a tour to the IDAHO History Museum, By the Zoo. Another possible location would be the inter-agency fire agency. The yearly IASCD contribution to IDEA will change in January 2022 from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 annually.

### **IDEA Business:**

***The Annual Plan was reviewed and discussed with no corrections to be made. A motion was made by Joyce Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerry Christiansen to accept Annual Plan for 2022. Motion carried 100%***

The upcoming fall conference to be held in Boise November 9<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
What to do for a workshop was brought up, Possible net working with district staff, how to improve IDEA. Employee Scholarships will remain 8 available, at the \$ 100.00 per Scholarship. Division funding for IDEA sponsored workshops will be increased to \$1,200.00 from the normal \$600.00 for CY-2022 if they did not use any funds for this calendar year. If they utilize their division training funds this year, then they will be budgeted \$600.00

***A motion was made by Kerry Christiansen, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Garcia. 100% approved***

Sarah, Kerry, and Chris volunteered to work on a group workshop at conference on Tuesday Afternoon after the Director's meeting. Also, Sarah will build a power point presentation highlighting district staff. Each Division Director was asked to contact district chairman of each district for a brief statement about their employee and a picture of that employee that will be presented during the luncheon in recognition of district staff. The comments and pictures need into Sarah by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Will be having a Raffle for Fall Conference; prizes were discussed and was agreed by all present to increase amount for Raffle prizes this year due to not having a conference last year.

***Motion made by Kerry Christiansen, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce Smith for increase amount for prizes***

Prizes discussed were 2 Cabela's cards, \$ 400.00 and \$ 200.00, Cooler and 2 water jugs and 1 \$ 100.00 Visa gift card. Approved 100%.

***Motion was made to adjourn at 2:30 pm by Chris Hatch and was seconded by Jennifer Barnes 100% approved.***

Respectably Submitted by Joyce Smith, IDEA Secretary