

## IASCOE Director Meeting Thursday March 15, 2012

The Board of Directors of IASCOE met on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM at the Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, IA.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Davis. He welcomed old and new directors.

Those present: President Jeff Davis, Vice-president Cindy Pistek, and Sec/Treas – Judy Dameron

- District 1 Karen LaCour
- District 2 Tammy Pruin
- District 3 Cindy Mensen
- District 4 Daniel Curry for John Landgraf and Brenda Albright
- District 5 LeeAnn Davis and Chris Grieder
- District 6 Devalyn Wilson and Jessica Yuska
- District 7 Cindy Bebout and Sue Beemer
- District 8 Julie Derby
- District 9 Dee Ann Lehn

Also present were new directors for 2012-2013. Those included:

- District 3 Curt Goettsch
  - District 5 Curt Houk and Kitty Benda
  - District 7 Lynette Gruchow and Jennifer Comer
- a. The financial report had been emailed out to all attendees prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the financial report as submitted was made by Dee Lehn and motion seconded by Karen LaCour. Motion passed.
  - b. The minutes of the previous meeting had also been emailed to everyone prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Sue Beemer and seconded by Judy Dameron. Motion passed.
  - c. Cindy Mensen gave a short presentation as to where we were with the issue of consolidating and updating our articles of incorporation and our bylaws. Once the decision is made concerning the option of splitting the secretary and treasurer position, we will move forward on the process. All attending felt it was worth spending some of our funds to get all of our paperwork in order and current. Cindy has agreed to continue on with this project for us.
  - d. Jeff reviewed with us the new language that was published in the last newsletter concerning splitting the position of Sec/Treas. The proposal will be voted on at the general assembly on Saturday morning. All directors were in favor of splitting the positions.

- e. Committee reports – each committee gave a short update on anything that had changed since our January meeting. All committees will be meeting on Friday and we will have more discussion after those meetings.
1. Benefits – just a reminder about the website which can be accessed through the NASCOE webpage. The cell phone discounts are now on the Member's only page. You need to get an ID and pass code and you should contact Tammy Eibey for that. Sam's Club discount available through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.
  2. Legislative – Discussed the legislative visit to Washington and reviewed the position papers that were shared with our congressmen. They covered Farm Bill, Crop Insurance, Office Closures, and our Retirement and Benefits. More will be shared tomorrow at the committee meeting. We discussed the Informa Report that NASCOE paid to have done concerning cost savings that could result from FSA having greater portion of RMA program. They stressed that we really did not push selling crop insurance; it was just one of the options that would be available. They stressed the issues of reporting and compliance as being an area that we could certainly excel in.
  3. Membership – The state as a whole has a 93.5% membership. Several districts were at 100%. Karen stated that she will need some new committee members as two of her committee has left or retired. Eight counties will be receiving membership awards Saturday morning for 5-45 years. We will also be issuing 37 Lifetime Memberships. The winners of the early bid drawing were announced and they will be included in the committee report from Friday's meeting.
  4. Publicity – The March newsletter is out. Brenda asks for any kind of input that we have on the newsletters – good or bad. It helps her out as she is new to the job. The next newsletter will be published June 1 and you can begin submitting articles at any time for that.
  5. Awards – We have 3 Distinguished Service Awards to be presented at the Saturday morning general session. Several sick leave awards will be presented as well. As always, we encourage people to submit more awards.
  6. Scholarship – Ten applications were submitted this year. The four winners were notified. All had previous plans and will not be attending. All 10 applications were submitted to Nicki Miranowski from Minnesota and we will wait to hear if one of ours is selected as MW Area winner.
  7. Programs – Iowa has done a good job in submitting issues that they would like to bring to our leaderships attention. Please continue to do this. There is an easy form on the NASCOE website to facilitate submitting your idea. Or you can contact Jessica Yuska and she will help you.
  8. Emblems – there will be a nice assortment of items at the table during the convention. Chris would appreciate you doing some shopping!!! And you can always order directly off the NASCOE website for any other items that she may not have with her.

- f. Jeff reviewed the status of this year's convention with us. He explained for the benefit of the new directors how everything worked. All is in order for speakers. The Annual Report is complete and printed. New directors were reminded that they are responsible for getting committee members from their district for each of the committees. We will have some entertainment for Friday evening. There are approximately 75 pre-registered and another 17 guests so it will be a good turnout.
- g. National Convention  
This year's national convention will be held in Boise, Idaho. The President and Vice-president usually attend as our voting delegates and the sec or treasurer serves as the alternate for voting.
- h. 2013 Convention  
Jeff opened the floor up for discussion on where and when we wanted to hold our annual convention for next year. Sites were discussed and dates suggested. We decided that we would stay with Stoney Creek for our site. Jeff indicated that they had worked well with him. Dates suggested were March 22-23<sup>rd</sup> and April 5-6<sup>th</sup> as Easter is the last weekend in March. Jeff will check with Illinois so that we do not conflict with their dates.
- i. We will be having breakfast at 8:15 tomorrow morning. JM Marketing would like to give a short presentation to the officers about their products.
- j. The Midwest Area Rally will be held in St Louis MO on April 27 & 28.  
The 2012 National Convention will be located in Boise, Idaho on August 7-12  
NASCOE National Convention for 2013 will be held in Asheville, North Carolina on Aug 13-18, 2013.
- k. Karen LaCour made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jessica Yuska seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy L Dameron  
Secretary