

IASCOE Directors Meeting
August 6, 2014
Conference Call

The IASCOE Board of Directors met via conference call on August 6, 2014. Roll call was answered by 18 directors.

President Curt Houk opened the call with comments regarding the trip to Oklahoma City for the NASCOE Annual Convention. He asked for input on topics of discussion with personnel from National Office.

Items of discussion included:

- Cindy Bebout indicated that the hiring process needs to be addressed; it is taking up to 3 months to get a PT 'in the door'.
- Workload assessment – get numbers out to the public
- What is being done about the massive amount of workload and the timelines that are not going to be met?
- Budget for producer meetings
- MIDAS – anything else going to be added to MIDAS functionality?
 - Curt Houk and Curt Goettsch were recently on a conference call with Hunter regarding MIDAS. USDA administrators want functionality to be further funded, Congress says No.

Mary Roberts addressed the group in regards to NAFEC. She and Bob Braden will be attending the NASCOE Convention to take part in meetings and discussions NAFEC will be having with National Office and Administrators. NAFEC is asking for assistance from the state associations in covering some of the costs of sending the NAFEC directors to OKC. Dee Lehn moved to match and not exceed NAFEC funds to assist Bob Braden in attending OKC, Cindy Pistek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IASCOE will be hosting a hospitality room along with the Cedar Rapids Convention and Visitor's Bureau to assist in our bid for the 2016 NASCOE Convention. Money has been donated to cover the expenses of the room/beverages/food etc. Treasurer Judy Dameron reported that a specific account has been put together for the 2016 bid/convention. A motion by Keith Wheeler and seconded by Dee Lehn to approve this separate account, motion carried.

Curt Goettsch updated everyone on the bid process for 2016. Cedar Rapids will be going to OKC to help with the official bid. They have 're-vamped' their presentation and will be available to answer questions etc. during the weekend. Once the bid has been accepted, the wheels will be in motion to get committees together and start the planning process.

A brief discussion was held on the State Convention. The date has been set for the last weekend in March in Cedar Rapids. This will give attendees an opportunity to see the facilities for the 2016 national convention. An email will be sent out when the block of rooms has been secured and further plans have been made.

President Houk congratulated Barry TerHark for his national publicity award for the Best Humor article. He also reminded everyone that if something comes up while they are in OKC you can email him or Curt Goettsch and they can address it there.

A motion to adjourn the meeting as made by Les Zobrist and seconded by Dan Curry, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Comer, Secretary