

NCOSAFP Annual Business Meeting Arlington VA – August 29, 2017

Member States Present:

Georgia – Thomas Carter
Georgia – Gordon Hughes
Iowa – Tammy Nebola
Iowa – Dave Jamison
Iowa – Steve Ferguson

Kentucky – Bill McCloskey
Maryland – Steve McHenry
Minnesota – Ryan Roles
Nebraska – Dudley Beyer
North Dakota – Annette Curl

Chester Cty Pennsylvania – Gary Smith
South Dakota – Terri LaBrie
South Dakota – Bill Hansen
Vermont – Andrew Wood

Non Member States Present:

Other Attendees:

Katie Kremer – CDFA
Tim Fisher - CDFA

Annual meeting was called to order by President, T. LaBrie.

Minutes from the 2016 business meeting were presented with no corrections. Minutes were posted to web site.

T. Nebola moved to approve and B. McCloskey seconded the motion to approve the Annual Business Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

The June 30, 2017 Treasurer's report (attached) was presented by S. Ferguson. There is a total of \$62,918.34 in cash and money market accounts. The audit committee consisting of D. Beyer, S. McHenry and G. Smith reported no changes.

A. Wood moved to approve and D. Beyer seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

1. Council of Development Finance Discussion.

CDFA notified the board that they will not be signing another MOU for a continued partnership. K. Kremer indicated that CDFA was working under the assumption that the MOU expires December 31, 2017. Discussion on future options. Options included:

- A. Hiring an Executive Administrator – Preliminary discussion has taken place with Tony Stafford and Bob Humann how had previously been instrumental with NCO. The would entertain but would like to know what would be the expectations.
 - i. R. Roles would draft a description of duties for the board for review.
- B. Continue with CDFA for legislative duties only – T LaBrie would inquire on what that would cost.
- C. National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) – T. LaBrie will contact them and see what types of assistance they could provide.

Directory – A letter was sent out to all states and asked to return the information verifying that the information was correct. K. Kremer indicated that the release date would be later this fall.

Website – It will be very easy to revert to the old site which is now linked to CDFA site. The license for the URL has been paid on an annual basis to this point.

2. Revised By-Laws were reviewed. S. McHenry recommended a change to Sec II definition of members as such:

Section 2. Qualifications for Directorship. Only those organizations that are in good standing and have paid their Council dues on or before April 1 of the current year may be eligible to have one of its authorized representatives be elected to serve as a director. A director shall be an individual person employed by the organization in good standing that serves as its authorized representative. Any director who shall cease to be the authorized representative of a member organization shall automatically be disqualified as a director and his or her position shall be deemed vacant.

S. McHenry made a motion to approve revised By-Laws with the recommended change to the member definition and R. Roles seconded the motion. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

3. Legislative update was given by all states that took part in the Capitol Hill Meetings on Monday afternoon. They all seemed to go well.
4. Two sites for upcoming NCO Conferences were discussed. Looking at Minnesota for 2018 and Oregon for 2019. Members would like to see communication earlier in the year for agenda and travel for upcoming events. NOTE: The NARRC conference will be September 16-23, 2017 in Ft. Collins, CO, South Carolina August 25-29, 2018 and September 15-18, 2019 in South Dakota.
5. ABA National Ag Bankers Conference will be in Milwaukee WI – November 12-15, 2017. We have a booth paid for 2017 and will need someone to be at the booth. It was determined that our current banner and display is sufficient. T. LaBrie will inquire with CDFA on cards that were to have been developed for last years conference.

S. McHenry moved to approve and A. Wood seconded the motion for payment for the ABA Annual Conference booth for 2018. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

6. It was recommended that we provide a monetary donation from NCO in memory of David Skinner who was very instrumental in NCO in the early years.

S. McHenry moved to approve and T. Nebola seconded the motion for a payment of \$300 be made. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

7. Board of Director nominating committee report was given by A. Curl, T. Nebola and R Roles. Terms for Vermont and Montana were up for nominations. Montana indicated that they would be willing to step down; Vermont would like to remain on the board. Other nominates were received of Nebraska and Minnesota.

Voting of the membership concluded that Nebraska and Minnesota would replace Vermont and Montana as board members for a 3 year term.

8. Current Board of Director officers have all agreed to continue duties. They are as follows:

President – Terri LaBrie, South Dakota	Vice President – Bill McCloskey
Secretary – Annette Curl, North Dakota	Treasurer – Steve Ferguson, Iowa

S. McHenry moved to approve and T. Carter seconded the motion to approve the current Board of Director officers remain for an additional term. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

9. The meeting adjourned.

R. Roles moved to adjourn the meeting and A. Wood seconded the motion. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Annette Curl, ND, Secretary
NCOSAFP Board of Directors