

**NAI Great Lakes Region 4 Meeting  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2021  
10:30 am EST  
Zoom**



Present: Debbie Nofzinger, Jennifer McDowell, Mandy Martin, Renell Roebuck, Kaitie Janecke-Soltesz, Marie Laudeman, Hannah Teshka, Michelle Fournier

Debbie called the meeting to order

Meeting minutes reviewed and approved

**Budget**

Debbie stated at this time we are putting out more than taking in

Debbie moved to approve budget, Renell seconded

Approved by vote

**RIW Update**

Kaitie: 36 participants as of two days ago, there are speakers that need to register, Kaitie suspects we will have a significant increase in numbers in the next week or so

Kaitie stated that we are past the profit area.

The chicken has arrived and posts will be increasing advertising the conference

Auction update; bidding will be done through chat, invoice will be sent through national

Kaitie asked would Hannah and Marie like to be the emcees for the scholarship auction, but Hanna will not be able to attend, Marie is happy to do it but will need some assistance

John Ball zoo donated merchandise for the auction and chicken

There is a slight issue with Michigan DNR, as they are not able to use their budget for the conference this year. The speakers will be available for their presentations but there isn't additional funds for them

In the future it would be nice to offer a discount for speakers

Speaker discounts would need to be put into the budget Deb stated. It is a consistent topic that's been discussed over the years.

Kaitie is going to have a training session day in the next few weeks for hosts and facilitators of zoom for sessions. Info will be send out soon.

There are 26 people registered for the hiking challenge, Hannah shared the stickers with the meeting group

Jennifer-NIW advertisement will be a slide with date and location

Michelle asked if the sessions are going to be recorded, Kaitie said some will be pre-recorded with live Q&A, some are doing live zoom, and Kaitie is reaching out to see if the presenters wouldn't mind being recorded

Jennifer added there will be a resources page for handouts

Renell-thank you to everyone who helped getting budget back on track

Deb will create a pdf of budget to attach to meeting minutes

Michelle shared the NAI logo, working on hats and getting regional merchandise on website with Jaimie King and how to incorporate shipping costs

Marie shared that the we are awarding 7 regional scholarships, we will be buying two \$50 gift cards amazon, one gift card will go to the top mileage winner, everyone who turns in log sheet gets a sticker,

Jennifer requested a closer look be taken at how monies are transferred between the scholarships and RIW

Paul wasn't able to attend but sent an update on the awards status-16 nominations; non for meritourous service

Videos posted online by March 15

Committee will go over nominations by March 5

Deb moved to adjourn.

Jennifer seconded