



NAI Region 4 Spring Conference Call Minutes

March 19, 2014

3PM EST

Call-in: 1-530-881-1000

Participant Code: 675723#

- Director's Report –Jenn Wright
 - National Update
 - Advisory Council elections held last month. Sent all the section and regions leaders for request to run. Jenn opted this year.
 - Committee is as follows:

Kevin Damstra - Advisory Council Chair
Lori Spencer - Advisory Council Vice Chair
John Miller - Advisory Council Secretary
Nancy Stimson - Advisory Council Elections Coordinator
William Bevil - Advisory Council Programs and Members Services
Jose Chevez and Kevin Damstra - Advisory Council Representatives to the NAI Board of Directors
No one accepted the nomination for Advisory Council Financial Officer. Several write-ins were submitted. No winner was selected.

In the future Nancy Stimson, as your Advisory Council Elections Chair, will oversee your nominations and elections. The NAI Nominations and Elections Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to Nancy.
 - BaseCamp
 - This is a shared calendar page all calendars for regions and sections can be viewed at once
 - Will help to keep conflicts of events between regions from happening
 - Paul Caputo will be at RIW May try to add a session so participants can talk with him
 - Budget Review and Approval
 - Got clarification on income categories (see budget file for notes)
 - [Motion to approve 2014 budget \(Nofzinger/Stine\)](#)
 - [Vote passed](#)
 - Regional Business Meeting – RIW
 - Thursday April 17, 9:00-10:00am
 - How do we want to do it?
 - Promote it that it is for the membership not just the officers
 - Rename it: Region 4 update, Get-together?
 - Have people change tables ahead of meeting to get people moving
 - Jenn will create PowerPoint slide and send update to everyone
 - Send personal photo to include in power point as well as the Region 4 map at the RIW by April 4!
- Deputy Director's Report – Deb Nofzinger
 - Regional Workshops (Michigan - 2014, Indiana - 2015, Ohio – 2016)
 - 2014 Registration is at @115
 - If you haven't registered do it!!!
 - RIW Planning Manual Update

- Revising hope to have done in 2-3 weeks
 - Procedures Manual Update
 - Jenn will be doing this
- Secretary's Report – Rick Stronks
 - Contact Lists
 - Make sure to get any corrections/updates in
 - Code of Ethics have been turned into National Office
- Treasurer's Report – Maureen Stine
 - Transition has been fantastic
 - Beth Bartholomew has been out of National office on medical leave but they have been great about keeping up
 - Working with RIW registration chair to process registrations
 - Hope to have a breakdown of revenue by next meeting
 - December 31st statement = Net income loss \$384.16
 - Total amount in Region 4 account = \$43,042
- Committee Reports
 - Archives – Cookie Ferguson
 - Amy Gregg volunteered to assist since she is at Ball State
 - A donation has been sent to Ball State
 - Awards – Nora Sindelar
 - Out of 9 categories have 8 categories nominated
 - No nominations for Outstanding New Interpreter
 - Committee notifies nominator that their candidate won, they choose whether or not to notify nominee or surprise them
 - Liz Emerson will be stepping up as committee chair for 2015
 - Communication – Lynnanne Fager (Jenn)
 - Working with National Office to put another deposit in the Constant Contact account
 - Interpretive Project Grants – Jennifer McDowell
 - Sent out application to committee for revisions. Made some small modifications and forwarded to Lynnanne
 - Sent too Rich for placement on webpage
 - Will send to Jill to be place on Facebook page
 - Would like to recruit someone from Ontario
 - Not sure how to track recipients reports, needs to talk with Rick Stronks
 - Need to track better, make recipients accountable
 - Scholarships and Grants – Jill Vance
 - Maureen finished last RIW cycle
 - Have 4 grant recipients selected to attend RIW
 - Had an application for the academic scholarship (1st one in a long time)
 - Need to figure out process of getting the recipient their money

- Working on application for NIW
- Membership – Renell Simrau (Becky)
 - Bird-a-thon changes
 - Will be a 48 hour; May 9 & 10
 - Donation form passed around at RIW and also posted on webpage
 - Registration for birding team will also be passed around RIW and posted on webpage
 - Looking for state/province leaders
- Student Involvement Committee – Dorothy McLeer/Amy Gregg
 - Have several students planning on attending RIW
- Ways and Means – Nora Sindelar & Becky Parkin
 - Working to revive it
 - Becky has contacted National Office to clear up some things
 - Can we sell stuff on national website – still undetermined
 - Becky and Nora will both be at RIW
 - Have \$\$ in budget to buy new items
 - Have to digitize the Interpretive Booklets
 - Binocular straps were popular
 - Selling of prints
 - Donors will donate 3 prints outright for live auction
 - Will donate 10-15 lesser known prints for the silent auction
 - Will be advertising on website that they are available
- Strategic Plan – Tim Krynak
 - No report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 16th @ 3pm EST