

SAME BUSINESS MEETING

November 15, 2009

Minutes

Call to Order

Joan called the meeting to order at 7:54 am.

Minutes of July 2009 Meeting

Dianne passed over minutes and financial report for everyone to read. No changes were brought up for the July 2009 minutes.

MOTION: Tina motioned to approve the July 2009 meeting minutes.

Second by Angela

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Financial Report

Dianne went over the financial report and reported the results for the silent auction which yielded \$732.00.

MOTION: Tami motioned to give \$200 to support Hurricane Bowl 2010.

Second by Jessie

VOTE: Passed unopposed

AMEND MOTION: To give \$200 to NOSB upon request for donation.

Second by Chris

VOTE: Passed unopposed.

Discussion on Protocol for sending the contribution to NOSB

Majority felt that it is NOSB's responsibility to request the support.

ACTION: Jessie will talk to Sam about sending notice for contributions to president.

SAME Committees

Joan went over the committees.

Jessica gave a report on the Awards Committee.

Scholarship and awards – the group discussed ways for recruitment. Would like to have more than one person nominated each time.

Charlene will be the Florida panhandle representative for Awards and Scholarships.

NMEA 2014

Joan discussed the paperwork for hosting NMEA in Mobile. Joan wants to create committees for the conference and name a conference chair. Joan is looking into options for the conference. One idea is the Renaissance Hotel. Spring Hill College could possibly be a rooming option. Need housing and meeting options. Sharon noted that we first need to nail down host location and get the packet to the NMEA board. Jessie is on the on strands and programs committee, Jennifer B. on field trips, Sea Lab on speaker and people. Tina, Tami, Sharon, Johnette, Jessie, Jennifer, and Amy Y. on the Host Planning Committee.

ACTION: Joan will send in the application to Justine Glynn at the end of the year.

NOSB Video Contest

Joan announced the need for a small group of members to serve as judges for the video contest. The information was in the SAME newsletter for students not interested in competition but would like to do the video. The deadline is January 25, 2010. Promotion of the video contest began in August and will last until December. SAME will provide people to judge the videos from Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Action: Dianne, Kay, Dinah, Chris, Joan, Tricia volunteered to judge the ten videos.

BWET Letter of Support

Information and Discussion

Sharon talked about Environmental Literacy Campaign

Environmental Literacy funding has been \$6 million.

ELG at \$12 million, BWET at \$9.7 million

NMEA signed on as supporting organization, and would like chapters to endorse it.

Sharon suggested that we put the letter of support to a E-mail vote. Sharon BWET letter of support.

Joan will contact Jim Elder about our support. (completed in January per Joan)

Motion: Sharon motioned that SAME would support HR 3644 and write a letter of support.

Seconded by Tami McConnell

Vote: Passed unopposed

Action: Joan contact Jim Elder for procedure to support the bill.

Awards

Joan announced the award to LUMCON as outstanding resource. (Paul Johnson nominated LUMCON)

Dianne will bring the award to LUMCON.

SAME Conference 2010

SAME conference: 2010 date TBA will be in Louisiana

Currently we are In search of locations to house everyone.

Suggestions: Episcopal camp in Robert, north shore of Lake Pontchartrain. Angela talked about LDWF on Grand Isle. Turtle Cove is in renovation but may be available. UNO facility is not big enough. Tickfaw, Fountainbleau and Bayou Segnette state parks were suggested. Suggested dates were Nov. 12-14 (first choice) and Nov. 19-21 for dates. Tricia will head up a committee with Dianne, Kathleen, Angela, and Dinah.

There will be no COSEE funding for next year. All workshops are online next year. Since we don't have grant money everyone should plan about \$120 per person.

Action: Jessie will check Episcopal place.

Angela will check on LA Wildlife and Fisheries Lab on Grand Isle.

Dianne will check on LUMCOM.

Tami will check Tickfaw and Fontainebleau State Parks and Bayou Segnette state parks.

Each will make contact and get idea of cost and availability by December 15th.

Upcoming Events

NSTA – March 18-19, 2010. Philadelphia, PA.

Kathleen – EES in LA from February 26-27. It will cost \$40. All info on www.WLF.la.gov/EEC.

EEAA – Alabama March 4-6, 2010 at Lake Gunterville Lodge.

Chris – Scholarships: \$732 auction.

NEW BUSINESS

NMEA Gatlinburg, TN, July 19-25, 2010. Registration is open. Housing is cheap.

Announcements

Sharon – Everyone save their money for next meeting.

Motion: Sharon motioned to support two scholarships for NMEA at early bird registration rate.

Seconded by Angela

Vote: Passed unopposed.

Changing of the Guard

Chris – Thanks Joan for a job well done. Joan Turner passed the rain stick to Chris Verlinde who is now president. Dianne Lindstedt is secretary/treasurer. Joan now presides as past-president and Tricia LeBlanc is president elect

Adjourn

Motion: Tami motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Kathleen

Vote: Passed unopposed

Attendance

Kay Bagget

Heather Egger

Dianne Lindstedt

Tami McConnell

Kathleen Nichols

Dennis Putman

Chris Verlinde

Tami Wells

Amy Yarborough

Johnnette Bosarge

Jessie Kastler

Charlene Mauro

Karen Merritt

Molly O'Connor

Joan Rundles

Amy Waive

Hazel Wilson

Rick O'Connor

Angela Capello

Tricia LeBlanc

Dinah Maygarden

Tina Miller-Way

Jane Putman

Joan Turner

Sharon Walker

Stephanie Wright

Final: 9/20/10 DML