



Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association



Region VII Iowa – Kansas – Missouri – Nebraska
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Region VII Board of Directors Meeting Tele Conference August 12, 2011

Present: Jon Alexander, John Izzolena, Randy Bickford, Dan Saathoff, Cody Patton,
Greg Dew, Mike Murphy, Jeff Klinksick

Absent:

Welcome and Introductions 8:05am– Jon Alexander

Meeting Minutes – Will be reviewed next month for July & August.

Treasury Report – Jon Alexander

John discussed the treasury report including our conference expenses. Exhibitor fees came in late last month. Investment strategies- CD's are doing well. Copenhaver & Associates were contacted to conduct the annual financial audit this year.

A motion was made to accept the Treasury Report by Dan Saathoff

Motion 2nd by Randy Bickford

Vote: Unanimous motion carried – No discussions

2012 Conference Planning

Committee Reports

2011 Conference Planning – John I.

All is well. Progress in being made for conference in Des Moines. We will be able to hand out Chapter 2012 Conference material while in New Orleans. Concern raised with room in the hotel for exhibitors.. Suggestion is to follow the same layout we did in 2008. We will discuss further on next week's conference planning meeting. Golf outing dates are confirmed and we now have a the Legacy golf course reserved.

Old Business-

2012 Conference in Des Moines- John I & Tom – Updated the roadmap for Des Moines. Meeting invites to follow for conference planning committee.

Awards- Full time/ Part time employee question for scholarships. Eligibility must be a full-time employee at a VPP site and the student can be either full-time or part time.. We will write the scholarship to the school in the name of the student for all scholarships. The application will be amended.

**A motion was made to amend our scholarship application by Mike Murphy
Motion 2nd by Tom Hauber**

Vote: Unanimous motion carried – No discussions

By laws – No report. (Jon A)

Communications – New website is up and running for 2012, new email blasts will go out next week.

Executive – (Jon A)

- Shashi will be off for awhile due to health reasons.
- Lozier in Joplin had their recertification, Chuck had one of the OSHA team members follow up at the site.

Membership – (Randy Bickford) New membership director at the national office. Cindy is working out very well and is helping us with new reports. Membership is up 5% from last year.

Mentoring – (Greg D) Working with sites out of Davenport Iowa, having hard time finding other sites to match them with due to location, we will continue to find matches. Jon has been mentoring with Coke over the last few years.

Nominations – (Jeff K) John 3 open positions (labor with CBA, 3 Dir at large). John I will work with Jeff to solicit nominations.

Sponsorship – (Dan S) Letter written and ready for the website, the membership letter is also ready.

Workshops – App. Workshop & SSQ in October in Kansas City, Email blast will be sent by Tom to advertise. We will also invite sites from the area who are currently being mentored.

New Business-

- National conference Breakout session, Jon has been working on the game, will need everyone who is attending to join in.
- 2011 conference review, Dan has sent out all of the comments. Exhibitors comments, they did not feel it was worth staying an extra night. Overall comments from 2011 conference very good. Board agreed to increase the exhibitor fees to \$475 and maintain the extra person fee to \$120. Early bird price reduction will stay the same.
- Steve Witt has now joined the VPPPA national office, Steve was with Osha for many years.

Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting will be September 9, 2011 via teleconference.

Meeting Closure:

Motion made to close by Randy Bickford

Motion 2nd by Greg Dew

Vote: Unanimous motion carried – no discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03am on August 12th, 2011 by Chair Jon Alexander.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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