



Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association



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

**Region VII Board of Directors Meeting
Downtown Marriot-Des Moines
October 22 & 23, 2010**

Present: Jon Alexander, John Izzolena, Monty Gartin, Cody Patton, Tom Hauber, Greg Dew, Rod Swager, Randy Bickford, Jeff Klinksick, Dan Saathoff, Randie Mendez

Absent: Matt Gaines, Shashi Patel,

Meeting brought to order by Chair Jon Alexander at 1:00 pm.

Welcome and Introductions – Jon Alexander

September Meeting Minutes – Jon Alexander

No comments were made.

**A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes by Tom Hauber
Motion 2nd by Rod Swager**

Vote: Unanimous motion carried – no discussions

Treasury Report – John Izzolena

The September 2010 Treasury report was reviewed by the Board.

**A motion was made to accept the Treasury Report by Dan Saathoff
Motion 2nd by Greg Dew**

Vote: Unanimous motion carried – No discussions

Conference Planning 2012- Hotel Choice- John Izzolena

John is working diligently with Conference Event Management (CEM) to tour properties of potential locations for the 2012 Conference. The Downtown Marriott was selected to host the 2012 Conference.

Committee Reports

2011 Conference Planning - Cody Patton/Monty Gartin

The roadmap was reviewed and updated. Board sponsors were revised to reflect current board members. A revised scholarship policy was agreed upon to add “stepchildren” to applicable award winners.

Awards and Recognition – Jeff Klinksick
No Report.

By Laws – John Izzolena
No report.

Communications - Tom Hauber
Tom will update the website with pertinent information in regards to the 2011 conference.

Executive- Jon Alexander
No Report.

Membership – Randy Bickford
Jon reports that Region VII is maintaining current membership.

Mentoring – Greg Dew
Greg reported that he will submit a list of new mentors to Tom Hauber for the website. A few prospects from the Application Workshop that was conducted on October 21, 2010.

Nominations - John Izzolena/Rod Swager
A potential board member is submitting the required paperwork for a position on the board. A review of open board positions was discussed.

Sponsorship – Dan Saathoff
Dan will be submitting solicitation letters to regional businesses and attendees for sponsorship towards the 2011 in conference.

Workshops – Rod Swager
Application and Strengthening Star Quality Workshops were held on October 21st. Seventeen were in attendance for Application workshop and nine attendees for the Strengthening Star Quality workshop. Feedback was given to Monty Gartin on revising the dates that the workshops were scheduled. Jon will discuss with Jane Whillock the scheduled dates for workshops with- Lake of the Ozarks Safety Council.

Action Items – All
The Leader submission is due for the winter publication. Submit any information or photos to Rod Swager as soon as possible.

Old Business –
Special Government Employees (SGE's) in Iowa – Authorization was given for SGE's to participate in VPP recertification initiatives in the state of Iowa. The board held a brief discussion on organizing training for SGE's. Region VII extended and invitation to Shashi Patel to aid in the success of the SGE program in Iowa.

2014 in La Vista contract proposal will be reviewed and CEM will be contacted to assist with this process.

New Business –

Invite National BOD to 2011 or 2010 Conference- Jon A

An invitation was submitted to Mike Maddox for the National Board to attend our 2011 conference in St. Louis.

Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting will be November 12, 2010 in via teleconference.

Meeting Closure:

Motion made to close by Tom Hauber

Motion 2nd by Jeff Klinksick

Vote: Unanimous motion carried – no discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am on October 23, 2010 by Chair Jon Alexander.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Randie Mendez