

NWEA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2009

The meeting was called to order at approximately 0730 hours by Tim Blackwood, current NWEA President.

In attendance were Tim Blackwood, Bob Burnham, Pat Geehan, Deb Gellar, Barb Portwood, Jamie Schick and Steve Walti.

The following items were discussed:

- Vote on by-laws. The by-laws with amendments were reviewed. A motion to pass the by-laws was made by Steve Walti and seconded by Pat Geehan. The motion was voted on and passed.
- Review and approve election results. The election results were reviewed. A motion to approve the results was made by Jamie Schick and seconded by Deb Gellar. The motion passed. The election results are as follows:
 - Tim Blackwood, President
 - Garth Tallman, Vice President
 - Treck Cardwell, Secretary
 - Steve Walti, Treasurer
 - Deb Gellar, Board of Directors
 - Barb Portwood, Board of Directors
- The treasurer's report was presented by Steve Walti. The Association has received \$1150 in dues this year and has a total balance of \$6,761.11. All amounts due have been paid, and no outstanding bills are known. A motion was made to approve the report by Deb Gellar and seconded by Pat Geehan. The motion passed.
- Membership Directory. Trek was not present for the meeting, so no action was taken on this agenda item. Tim will check with Trek and see if we can have it ready for the Symposium.
- Report from Program and Entertainment Committee (Pat Geehan, Garth Tallman, Barb Portwood) on Annual Symposium. Pat Geehan and Barb Portwood gave a briefing on the symposium. Most tasks are complete. Sending out the mailers was coordinated and will be completed early next week.
- NWEA Scholarship Update. No additional action has been taken on this item.
- NWEA Website. Tim and Jamie will coordinate getting the website up and running. A meeting with a web development/hosting company will be set up. Based on conversations Tim had with web developers, it will likely be up to \$2,000 to get the website running. Tim and Jamie will report back to the Board after their meeting with the web developer.

- Resume discussion of future direction of the NWEA. No further action has occurred on this topic.

LAST MEETING'S ACTION ITEMS

What	Who	When	Status
By-law review and edits.	Additional edits. Tim E-mail to directors.	Prior to July 31 st Directors meeting.	Completed and approved 7/31/09/
NWEA Scholarship	Tim Blackwood	Bring additional information to next meeting.	In-process
NWEA Website	Jamie Schick and Tim Blackwood	Prior to next Director's meeting.	To meet with web developer and report back to board.
Member Survey	All	Next director's meeting	Continue at next meeting
2009 Symposium	Garth Tallman, Pat Geehan, Barb Portwood		In Process

PAST MEETING NOTES ON FUTURE DIRECTION

- A discussion of the future direction of the NWEA was held. Options to consider include focusing on a narrow topic such as distribution focused, petroleum focused, or other discrete area; or expanding the interests of the organization to include all energy sources. The following related to this topic were noted:
 - Bob Burnham reported that a member survey had been sent out in 2000/2001.
 - A new survey could be distributed seeking input from members on the direction of the NWEA. Questions regarding:
 - Specific groups or individuals that should be included/solicited into the NWEA. Specific companies, schools and municipalities were mentioned.
 - What the focus of the organization should be
 - What networking opportunities are currently in place and how to improve those opportunities
 - A corporate survey could be completed as well. This survey could focus on specific companies and seek input on how the organization could serve needs they might have. NWN, PGE, PacificCorp, Wind Energy companies, Solar companies and others could be included in the questionnaire. It would be best if the survey were conducted in person.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Blackwood