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April 22, 2010
APIO TELECONFERENCE
Minutes

Thursday, April 22, 2009 Time 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. EST

Timekeeper: 1 hour

Attendees:

- 1) Peter Bautista-President
- 2) Jay Mar-Executive VP
- 3) Nick Vira-Treasurer
- 4) Cheryl Morton-Secretary
- 5) Yuri Plowden-East Region
- 6) Mani Phensgramy-Midwest Region
- 7) Dan Curtis-Northern Plains Region
- 8) David Fischer-Pacific Islands Area East Kara Nelson substituted for David
- 9) Pam Aguon-Pacific Islands Area West
- 10) Angela Biggs-National Council Advisor
- 11) Gary Parks
- 12) Jocelyn Bamba

- a. Peter Bautista called the meeting to order.
- b. Old Business-Peter Bautista.

Review and approval of the Business Meeting Minutes
Comments:

- reviewed by Pete Bautista
- . Unified recommendations to the Chief and the STC's. They were well received. Unified letter to the Chief, received by Ginger Murphy. Update from HQ to follow.
- Welcome to new regional members.
- Gary Parks asked to send updated version of the Bi-laws. Also Gary asked if we needed to vote on minor changes.
- Awards, Yuri presented the findings, Farmer of the year, and all the other awardees.
- Scholarships report from Dave Fischer. Phong Lee presented scholarships information.
- Web-site update-being worked on currently by Kent and Liz.
- New England states forwarded a presentation for us to consider them as a location for our 2011 conference.

- Announcement: Jay Mar is the acting STC for Delaware.
- Attachment letter from Michelle Moore, inviting us to come to their State for the conference

. Correction for the prior minutes.

- Angela Biggs term ending in Sept. 30 add her to the Mentoring committee.

Jay-move to approve, Yuri seconded. Council approved.

c. New Business

- a. Treasurer's report-Nick Vira 5 minutes. Not in attendance, Pete reviewed the report. Asked for comments, none were given. Jay moves to accept report, Yuri seconded. Council approved.
- Nick called in late and added this comment: The State of Oregon wants someone that lives in Oregon to be listed as the person of record. They just want the use of their address; they will not have any other responsibilities.
- b. Officer Reports – 15 minutes (Peter Jay and Gina)
 - o Conference 2010 Wrap Up: Chief Letter, Org. Presidents update; Peter B.
 - i. Future joint conferences: Discussion and agreement to hold joint meeting every 2-3 years.
 - ii. Copies of the conference speakers can't be posted on the Web-site, but can be shared.
 - iii. Letter to Chief from Organizations will be sent regarding the joint message and recommendations (Employer of Choice report) and future joint conferences.
 - iv. Joint conference Survey information will be distributed by Pete via the draft report.
 - v. We are still waiting for the final financial report from Black Organization and approvals by Treasurers.
 - o Jay's comments: we obtained good visibility; we need to continue to interact.
 - o Angela's comments: Nice group of SEPM's, liked the format of the different groups. Two common comments from the SEPM's was they would like to have known who the other SEPM's were at the beginning of the conference, and there were not a lot of workshops for them to enhance their growth as an SEPM.
 - o New Council Expectations. Peter
 - i. Point of Contact in Regions are regional Reps.
 - ii. Expect council members to be engaged with committees, meetings and activities.
 - iii. See Bylaws and Constitution for roles and responsibilities.
 - o May AAPI Commemorative Month. Use this opportunity to highlight some of our accomplishments.
 - o Newsletter; Deadline for submittal to Liz Warner, NV @ April 29, Thursday. Please get your information to Liz by

the deadline. Outreach activities, anything that comes to mind for the newsletter that can highlight the culture and the activities. It helps us to be visible and heighten our membership.

- Pete proposed we move forward with our individual APIO in the New England States for 2011.
 - i. 2011 Conference. New England made an offer to allow them to host our 2011 conference. They asked us to send a letter of expectations. Discussion today, can we move forward. Are we in support of their proposal? General concession is positive.
 - ii. Jay Mar motioned to have the conference in New England, Cheryl seconded.
 - iii. Letter to be drafted and sent to NE states to accept offer to host APIO FY 2011 conference.
 - iv. Planning committee's will need to be formed on both sides to help with decisions on input ex: dates of the conference etc. Council approved. Jay Mar, no comments,
- c. Regional representative - Round robin.
 - Report of Current Developments (Outreach and Activities)
 - Outreach activity, newsletter reports, involvement in the standing committees,
 - 1. East: Yuri Plowden, PA (newly appointed in March).
 - Do we report quarterly or everytime we meet?
 - Quarterly, but a spot will always be available for the regional reps at every meeting. (See Attached for full report from Yuri)
 - 2. South: Nga Watts, FL. Not in attendance. Helped with the posters and the auction.
 - 3. Great Plains: Dan Curtis (newly elected in March).
 - Has not identified the people in the region yet. With help from Larry Yamamoto, together they have identified 3 of the 442 infantry.
 - 4. Midwest: Mani Phengrasmy, MI.
 - (See attached for the full report from Mani).
 - 5. West: Mani Gomez, AK.
Not in attendance

6. PIA-East; Dave Fischer-Kara Nelson, return rights issue paper discussed.
(See attached for the full report from Dave)
7. PIA-West; Pam Sablan Aguon (newly elected March).
Pam gave a brief introduction to the group and her outreach efforts.

Standing Committee reports

1. Awards Comm.-Yuri Plowden/Gary.
 - Farmer rancher award, this is the first year we presented the award. He was given a plaque and \$2000.00 Some of the questions posed to the council are
 - Should we do this every year, support travel, continue the cash award? Send her the comments in response to the follow up e-mail from Yuri. If someone wants to step up and help with this committee, it would be welcomed.
2. Communications-Liz Warner/Kent Matsutani
 - Not in attendance. Pete's comments; due date for the next newsletter is the 29th. Web-site time frame is sometime in the next couple of months.
3. Grant Writing Comm. - Nick Vira/Yuri. Comments, Members of the committee, Dan Curtis, Phuong Lee, Jay Mar, Yuri Plowden.
4. 2011 Conference Comm. – Pete Bautista.
 - Thanks from Pete for the vote to move forward. Volunteers for committees need to be sent to Pete. Wants participation from East regional rep, Angela, and himself. 5/20/2010 next meeting and 6/24/2010. Tentatively mark your calendars.

Closing 7:27 p.m.