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APIO Teleconference June 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Pete Bautista, Kent Matsutani, Gary Parks, Nick Vira, Asghar for Mani P, Cheryl Morton, Angela Biggs, Yuri Plowden, Kurencio Ngowakl, and Phuong Ly.

1. Old Business: Reviewed and approved of May Meeting Minutes
 - May draft agenda-Take the part financial specifics off the minutes regarding Marriott Contract. Nick Vira moves to approve the minutes. Kent seconds the minutes
2. New Business: Officer Reports
 - a. President Update-Pete
 - i. Business Plan Update – updated for 3rd Quarter, very successful progress to date. Posted on the website.
 - ii. Employee Organization Presidents to work with a Committee formed from representatives from all groups, for ideas and strategies to deal with dealing with leadership.
 - iii. Proposed to council to consider holding a APIO membership annual meeting via teleconference on August, because of conference cancellation and business meeting.
3. SEPM Update – Kurencio
 - Appreciated the Mandarin translation from PIA posted on website.
 - Away for 3 weeks in May.
 - Working on AAPI-NEPM SharePoint site to make more efficient using Adobe file management.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Awards-Phuong receiving nominations. Pete wants to mention if there was more information on the plaques. Awards nominations are due by June 17th. Nick-A lot of the lifetime members don't want plaques, they would rather we keep the cost for other purposes.
 - b. Communications: Kent
Kent-new website is near completion.
 - c. Conference-Yuri
 - Letter from Marriott received, very brief and gracious.
 - Pete asked for alternatives for future conferences
 - d. Elections and By-Laws: Gary
 - i. Constitution/By Laws Notes:
 - Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws report provided and discussed.

- Some examples of By-Law updates besides grammatical were; Farmer of Year Award, changes to Executive VP position, etc.
 - There was much discussion with other changes needed, such as; annual business meeting alternative with no conference venue; voting on email/internet; term limits on committee chairs, etc.
 - Gary requested for comments from council since we didn't have a quorum to move forward to accept proposals for a general membership vote. Gary would like for changes to be made in "track changes" directly in the document then send it back to him.
 - By-laws track changes due to Gary by June 27, 2011.
- ii. Election (Committee) Notes:
- Report on proposed election committee update provided and discussed.
 - Included positions that were due for elections this year, including officer and regional reps; dates for nominations and selections to be all done by the next July meeting.
 - Positions for 2011 elections include: Exec. VP, Secretary, East Rep, Midwest Rep, PIA-East and West Reps.
- e. Grants: Gary
- Nothing new to report
- f. Mentoring: Angela
- Mentoring program proposed for the conference (cancelled), will be offered this year via webinar.
 - NEDC is developing the materials for the webinar training. Sign up is ongoing, through the National Mentor Program. Aug 16-18th, in two hour blocks. The announcement will be posted hopefully soon.
- g. Scholarships-Dave Fischer (not present)
- Report provided by Dave Fischer. Scholarships were successfully accomplished earlier in May. Three scholars were selected and notified. Nick is awaiting information from awardees before he can send checks. Info is provided on the website.
 - Dave is recommending stepping down as Chair.
- h. Ways and Means: Not discussed

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. PST