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APIO National Council Teleconference November 23, 2010 Minutes 2:00pm PST

Attendees:

Peter Bautista, Jay Mar, Gina Schworm, Nick Vira, Mani P, Phuong Ly and Dan Curtis

1. Old Business

- a. October 27th Minutes were presented and approved. Dan 1st motion, Nick 2nd.
- b. Return Rights letter status: Pete has not heard anything from Ms. Speight to date. However, a letter to the other organization presidents was sent to solicit advocacy on this and other concerns.

2. New Business

- a. Treasurer Report – Nick Vira
 - i. Treasurer's report was provided to council. Not included.
 - ii. Joint Conference 2010 Update: Still have not received final check from Black Org. Pete has followed up on this and informed that they are still settling final expenses to bank.
 - iii. Conference 2011 Marriott Hotel Contract was signed and deposit made on November 6.
 - iv. New members from California as a result of CA Employee Meeting.
 - v. Credit Profile Activation with Duns and Bradstreet
 - vi. Searching for an Oregon resident APIO member for assisting with Banking and Filing Taxes.
 - vii. Mention of increasing membership fees, comparable to other organizations.
 - viii. Mention of the establishment of an Auction Committee per Bylaws. Pete appointed Dan Curtis to chair the committee, based on his experience with Non-Profit Organization and audits.

Action Item: Dan agreed to the appointment and agreed to establish a committee and develop a plan for the council to review and approve.

b. Officer's Report:

- i. President- Pete
 1. White House Initiative –AAPI NRCS Action Plan Update: Pete is still working with Rebekah DeWind, MI in drafting the plan.
 2. CR Award bulletin: Kent Matsutani drafted the Workforce Diversity Group Award Nomination for the Employee Organization Presidents and Planning Committee Chairs and will be submitting for approval. Pete will work with Regional Conservationist for approval and submittal to the NCRC.
 3. NRCS Recruitment Strategic Plan-Pete, who was involved in Recruitment initiative to provide a copy of the approved plan to council, as requested-Action Item.
 4. Winter Newsletter – Target to Publish first week of January 2011.

Action Item: Pete is requesting for Articles to be submitted to Liz Warner no later than December 31st. Regional representatives and Officers are advised to provide articles of current developments.

- ii. Executive VP- Jay Mar:
 - 1. Jay is now currently residing and working out of Connecticut, as State Conservationist for two weeks. Jay provided council his new contact information.
 - 2. Jay emphasized that he is committed in serving the council and supporting the 2011 conference in Rhode Island, as a New England cosponsoring state. Jay will be contacting assigned speaker Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro for conference.
 - 3. Mentioned two position vacancies available in CT; RCD Coordinator and SC-9
- iii. VP- Gina: no report
- iv. Secretary- Cheryl: not present, no report

- c. Regional Reports
 - i. PIA-East - Dave Fischer- not present, no report
 - ii. PIA-West – Pamela Sablan-Aguon: not present, no report
 - iii. West – Phuong Ly (CA): Reported her success on their CA Employee Meeting in October. Phuong worked with Hue Dang in preparing an APIO booth to recruit members. Three new members and much interest generated from event. Phuong to provide an article for newsletter on this event. Also, provided information sharing amongst members in region.
 - iv. Great Plains - Dan Curtis: Reported that he will research and report on potential opportunities for regional representatives to increase membership and generate activities and involvement of (regional) membership to make a difference to the AAPI communities’ constituents and ultimately APIOs mission and goals.
 - v. Midwest – Mani Phengrasmy: Outreach activities going on, some EQIP/WHIP applicants that he plans to provide an article on.
 - vi. South- Nga Watts: not present, no report.
 - vii. East – Yuri Plowden: not present, no report.

- d. National AAPI-SEPM report (Jacqueline, Acting): Not present
- e. Committee Updates: No updates were provided.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00pm - PST