

SDASCOE Fall Board Meeting Minutes Oct. 13-14, 2014

Huron, SD

The SDASCOE Fall Board meeting was called to order by President, Stan Lamb. Introductions were given. Special guests were: Dean Bahr and Kristi Smith representing SDACS and Larry Olsen-NASCOE parliamentarian and Lynda Steichen representing RASCOE. Absent from the meeting on Monday were Publicity Chair, Shana Bilas and Ways and Means Chair, Terri Roth.

Duties and policies were reviewed. The SDASCOE website has details of board members duties. Stan thanked Becky Zirpel, Past President for her excellent job and her assistance as he settles into the office of President.

The SDASCOE travel policy was discussed. Mileage is reimbursed at \$.36 and room is covered in full if members share a room. If a single room is requested SDASCOE will pay ½. Stan stated he expects to be in touch with the program chairs to discuss things they can do to help out and/or slight changes to improve things.

The board needs to fill a couple of positions. Joel Foster was director for Area 2 but is now Vice President. Rhonda Deutsch was the alternate and has now moved into the director position so district 2 now needs an alternate director. Susi Odden was director for Area 6 but is now secretary. Cindy Peterson is the alternate director and does not wish to move up to the director position so District 6 needs a director. The president can appoint someone to fill the unexpired terms but he is hoping for some recommendations.

The 2015 SDASCOE convention will be held April 24 & 25 at the Deadwood Gulch in Deadwood, SD. Doug Hofer is the chairman of the planning committee.

Lynda Steichen, RASCOE informed us that the 2014-15 RASCOE officers are: Lanny Nelson, President, Bonnie Nickelson, Vice President, and Lynda Steichen, Secretary. She also told us that a new amendment to 22-PM will add RASCOE information to the handbook.

Kristi Smith with SDACS informed the group that the members of SDACS are available and supportive of SDASCOE and that they plan to join us at the SDASCOE convention in 2015.

Larry Olsen, NASCOE Parliamentarian informed the group that SDASCOE/NASCOE is a professional organization and Roberts Rules of Order are followed. Directors are voting members. In the absence of the director alternate directors can vote. The proper way to enter a motion is "I move". The motion requires a second and then discussion. An amendment can be called for and then further discussion before the call to vote. He also stated that we need adequate minutes. Any SDASCOE member is welcome at the board meeting and members and

committee chairpersons can share in the discussion but only directors can make motions and vote. He further informed us that nationally FSA has been able to hire 300 additional employees. We hired Hunter Moorhead and he has worked hard to keep money for hiring staff. So rather than reducing by 500 employees we were able to increase by 300. NASCOE President, Mark VanHoose sends greetings.

Phil Morton the NWA Exec. keeps us well informed of NASCOE happenings. His reports are sent via e-mail to the directors and the directors should be forwarding them on to the member's home e-mail. Next year's national convention will be held in Milwaukee, WI.

Janelle Adrian reported on the NWA Rally that was held June 6 & 7, in Medora, ND. She and Doug Hofer were delegates. It was very informative. June 6 started with a question and answer session with Mark Rucker and Greg Diephouse from Washington, DC. They visited about the CBS system and how it could affect the states. They also talked about ARS and codes might need to be cut down. June 7 the group heard reports from all the committee chairpersons. Candidacy announcements were given. Recognition of award winners in the NWA was given. The delegates from the states were briefed about attending the meetings and voting on issues as needed. Both Doug Hofer and Janelle Adrian enjoyed the rally and thanked SDASCOE for choosing them as delegates.

Jennifer Chavez and Janelle Adrian were delegates to the National Convention held in Oklahoma City, OK. Jennifer reported that it was a great learning experience and she was pleased to be chosen as a delegate. She gave a brief run-down of the week's events and both Janelle and Jennifer thanked SDASCOE for choosing them as delegates to the convention.

There was no old business to be discussed. A printed copy of the treasurer's report was handed out and treasurer, Mary Johnson explained the report. Jennifer Chavez moved to approve the report; Roxie Stambach seconded the motion and motion carried.

The secretary's report was read. Rhonda Deutsch moved to approve the report and Janelle Adrian seconded the motion. Discussion was held and corrections to the minutes were made. Joel Foster moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Roxie Stambach seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee reports were handed out. Larry Somsen, Awards chairman asked for suggestions on how to get more of the sick leave and length of service award recipients to attend the convention. A suggestion was made to send an e-mail to the recipients prior to the convention to make them more aware they are receiving the award. Jeanie Emmett, Benefits chairperson reminded members to go to the NASCOE website on your home computer and sign up for the "Members only" registration. This is the only way to receive some benefits such as the Sam's discount as it is emailed to the member directly. EJ Goetz, Legislative chairperson reviewed the

legislative report reminding us to work at establishing a relationship with our congressional members when they are home on recess. Lori Jones, Membership chairperson reported that we currently have a 93.1% membership in South Dakota. Emblems/programs chairman, Doug Hofer reported sales of items available at the convention were good. Jim Anderson gave his report on PAC/NAFEC reminding us PAC is about jobs and benefits. Information about PAC is available on the NASCOE website. The publicity report was given by Becky Zirpel, NWA Publicity Chair. She suggested that we designate a target date to send information in to the webmaster but most importantly we need to send information in to Shana Bialas because we no longer have a newsletter so the website is the only place to record our history. Ways and Means chairperson, Terri Roth presented her report on Tues. morning stating that in 2014 the raffle had a net profit of \$858.60. Jennifer Chavez moved to accept and file the committee reports. Joel Foster seconded the motion and motion carried. It was suggested that directors appoint members to serve on the committees.

Stan Lamb asked for delegates to the NWA rally. The rally will be June 4-6, 2015 in Cody, WY. Becky Zirpel and Joel Foster were selected as delegates with Larry Somsen as alternate. The National Convention will be in Milwaukee, WI, August 10-15, 2015. Becky Zirpel will be a delegate to the national convention and the second delegate will be selected in the future.

The annual convention structure was reviewed and it was determined that the April 24 & 25, 2015 time frame of the convention is acceptable. We need to solicit for sponsorships.

We need someone to take over as historian. Becky Zirpel has things very well set up and is willing to work with someone to get the history book finished.

Jennifer Chavez moved to continue with SD pins and Becky Zirpel seconded the motion. Motion carried. A caucus room at the national convention was discussed and tabled.

Rachel Kirkebak has an inventory list of SDASCOE equipment. Susi Odden will get it from her.

Grievance board members will be Brenda Wicks, Margie Wiley, Curt Fox, and John Anderson. The board meeting was adjourned for the evening at 10 pm.

The SDASCOE board reconvened at 8 AM Tuesday, Oct. 14. Stan Lamb called the group to order and welcomed Jamie White, executive officer and Craig Schaunaman, SED. Mr. Schaunaman thanked SDASCOE for the opportunity to visit with the group. Questions were sent to the state office prior to the meeting. Jamie White opened the Q & A with some answers about the Program/Training questions that were sent in. Mr. Schaunaman explained the workload and staffing model that is being used. He stated that employees are retiring faster than we are able to hire. A copy of all the questions and the answers will be sent out at a later date. We very much appreciate Craig and Jamie taking the time to meet with SDASCOE.

The 2015 SDASCOE State Convention was the next item of business. Doug Hofer is heading up the planning committee. The convention will be held in Deadwood at Deadwood Gulch, April 24 & 25. Doug stated there are 60 rooms blocked for Thursday and Friday nights and the rooms will be \$59 per night with free continental breakfast. The committee is looking for sponsors for breaks. Mary Johnson moved to approve a \$2000 entertainment budget for the convention. Janelle Adrian seconded and motion carried. There will be more details about the convention in the coming months.

There being no further business, Joel Foster moved to adjourn the meeting, Rhonda Deutsch seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned.