

SDASCOE Board Meeting

Spring 2020

March 2, 2020

7:00 PM at the

Scoreboard in Huron, SD

Roll Call – Officers: Mary Jane West, Diane Beidler, Desiree Pewe, Karen LaFurge, Jennifer Chavez

Directors: Traci Frank, Joel Foster, Kristen Miles, Kathy Torres

Chairpersons: Terri Roth, Courtney Beidler, Megan Stevens, Keri Niederman

Questions & Answers with Acting SED, Jamie White, SD State FSA Committee Members Mark Gross, Kelsey Ducheneaux, and Tiffani Robertson.

See attachment for the Questions and Answers.

Reports –

- **Treasurer**-see attachment
- **Awards/Scholarship**-see attachment
- **Benefits**-A discussion was had about a benefit for Superior \$25 gift card.
- **Legislative/PAC/COA**-No report
- **Membership**-see attachment
- **Programs/Emblems**-Courtney Beidler discussed with the group the emblem options during the 2020 State Convention/Far West Rally. Instead of having the items actually at the convention/rally, members could order off the website and the item could be picked up at the convention site. We would get a code for free shipping on this option. Joel Foster made a motion to have the Emblems as Pre-order items, to get a code for free shipping and have the member pick the item up at the Convention. Megan Stevens seconded the motion. Motion Carried
- **Ways & Means**-No report
- **Publicity/Webmaster**-No report. Website fee was paid for the year. Please remember to send Shana Jurgens your county news so she can add to the website.

Treasury-

- Bank options – Desiree Pewe, Treasurer, gave the board informational handouts of the local banks and CD interest rates for the banks. The board agreed that Desiree needs to pick a bank that will work with our needs for the EFT transfer for member dues. Desiree will look into the banks and see which one will work better for us.
- Courtney Beidler made a motion to do three CD's with the Dakota Bank. The CD's would be \$10,000 each. We would do one CD for a three year term, one for a four year term and one for a five year term. Kathy Torres seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2018 tax return- Jennifer Chavez indicated that she is still working with the accountant on this issue. It needed to be done by March 15th.

Membership-

- Megan Stevens, Hand Co. – Megan was selected as a member of the 2020 NASCOE Membership Workgroup and was able to attend the Membership Development Task Force in Kansas City, Missouri January 23-24, 2020. She gave a little talk about the Workgroup. Megan also visited with the board about the need to update the NASCOE membership spreadsheet.
- New membership Benefit with Superior-NASCOE had partnered with Emblems by Superior to offer a \$25.00 gift card to any full-time FSA employee who joins NASCOE for the first time between now and July 31, 2020. They can use the \$25.00 to purchase USDA apparel. Send the new member name to Desiree Pewe and she will work with the new member on this Benefit.

Chairperson/combinations

- We visited about having the Ways and Means committee in charge of the Scholarship fundraising. Terri Roth indicated she would be willing to add this to the Ways and Means duties since we are not raising money right now for other SDASCOE areas.

Scholarships

- Fundraising ideas for the Far West Rally were the Wine Pull and a 50/50 raffle. Concerns were raised on the 50/50 raffle since this is RASCOE's fundraiser during our conventions. More thought on fundraisers during the Far West Rally need to be done.

Purchase of a projector – Looking through notes from last year’s state convention, we discussed the possibility of SDASCOE purchasing a projector to use for meetings and conventions. Courtney Beidler will look into a projector and the cost of them.

Director Elections-Even numbered areas

- Area 4 – Jim Anderson will be stepping down as director when his term is up.

Revision to the By Laws – Last year at state convention we decided this needed another review because of some of the terminology. Joel was going to get assistance from Larry Olsen. This needs to be reviewed and published 60 days prior to convention, which will be March 14th. Joel is working on this.

Insurance for events – Joel Foster indicated that we need to purchase Event Insurance for the State convention. Mary Jane West and Joel will look into this together.

Delegates

- Rally – Megan Stevens and Desiree Pewe have volunteered to be our 2020 delegates for the Far West Rally. We thank them for volunteering for the event. Delegates need to take notes and vote if needed at the Rally and report back to the SDASCOE members.
- National Convention – Joel Foster indicated Courtney Hanson may not be able to be a delegate for the National Convention. She may have another obligation with family. We will need to reach out to the other members in SDASCOE and see if anyone would like to be a delegate. We do need two delegates for the event.

Reimbursement Discussion for State conv/Rally

- 1) SDASCOE sticks to the travel policy as stated so in the end only the NWA Delegates and 1 officer are covered for Friday and Saturday expenses.
- 2) Since we are hosting the Far West Rally concurrent with the State Convention, should we extend the SDASCOE travel policy for all officers, board members, committee chairs to go through Saturday at noon?

Joel visited with the board and suggested SDASCOE extend the Board Meeting and State Convention policies to all officers, board members, and committee chairs for the entire weekend. SDASCOE would pay the applicable round trip mileage rate, motel rooms for Wed, Thursday, and Friday as applicable. Saturday night lodging would not be covered as in theory everyone can easily make it home Saturday night as meetings end at noon on Saturday. In reality, the cost is minimal as you are only paying for one extra night of lodging (Friday night). One could also waive ½ rate in not sharing room policy, which is normally done for the State Convention anyway. The meals or any other costs would be on their own.

Courtney Beidler made a motion for all SDASCOE officers, board members and committee chairs to be paid the applicable round trip mileage rate, motels rooms for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday as applicable. We would waive the ½ rate if not sharing a room policy as well. In regard to the NWA Delegates and one officer (Mary Jane), rather than paying the M&IE rate. As a reward for agreeing to be Delegate and Mary Jane's duties as President, SDASCOE will pay for the registration fee for the Far West Rally portion along with the Friday and Saturday meals as listed on the Registration form. This will be considerably less than the M&IE rate, but still rewards those being Delegates to the NWA Rally. Motion was seconded by Kathy Torres. Motion carried.

Joel – Far West Rally Updates

Registration – Lyman Co. will handle registration with possible assistance from Meade Co.

Thursday – Mary Jane will need to get with Joel on the format for the SDASCOE agenda.

Mary Jane checked with Carleen Mack in Codington to see if they are going to partake in Thursday. At this time, they do not plan to meet during the 2020 State Convention. But Carleen would like Mary Jane to keep asking each year. RASCOE will be having their luncheon on Thursday.

Scholarship Auction - We will need someone to coordinate the Scholarship Silent Auction. Mary Jane West thinks part of the Scholarship Auction goes to the host

state and now we have a Far West Rally so we will need to coordinate with Marla Hammer from the SWA on some of these details. Mary Jane will do some checking on exactly how all this works, but we will need someone helping with all of this. SD will not have a separate silent auction on Thursday. The Far West delegates, Megan Stevens and Desiree Pewe will need to purchase two items for the auction. It was agreed to limit each auction item to \$50.00 apiece.

Door Prizes – It was discussed to do door prizes for the Far West Rally. Each county would need to bring one door prize. We need to remind the counties that items need to remain small for the people that would be traveling by airplane to the event.

Tours – The tours have been arranged for through a company in Deadwood. They are in charge of everything for us.

Airport Shuttle – There will be more people flying. The motel does offer a shuttle for a fee.

A motion was made by Courtney Beidler to pay for the meals of the State Committee members, SED Jamie White, and the rest of the SDASCOE members at the board meeting tonight. Joel Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Leon Edlund, a retiree with history as SDASCOE President, passed away on March 2, 2020. A motion was made by Karen LaFurge to purchase flowers for the funeral with a limit of \$100.00. Mary Jane West would be in charge of purchasing the flowers. Courtney Beidler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Megan Stevens seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Karen LaFurge, Secretary