

NDDTSEA Business Meeting

April 5, 2013

Seven Seas Hotel ~ 42nd Annual NDDTSEA Conference

President Tom Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

John Jankowski made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from 2012 as they have been on the website for a year, Dave Michaelson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Current financial report was made by Secretary/Treasurer Becky Hardy. We have \$12,267.43 in checking with more deposits as well as bills to pay related to the conference.

President Tom Johnson reported that the Past-Presidents Breakfast was held this morning with three past presidents in attendance: Howard Theige, Cal Lundberg, and Tom Johnson.

President Tom Johnson asked for volunteers from the association to do an audit of the financial records. Carol Gurule volunteered. One more volunteer would be appreciated – please let Tom or Becky know if you would be willing to audit the financial records.

Jim Haluska's term as SE Regional Director is up and Jim is retiring. President Tom appointed Darin Bardal of West Fargo to a three year term. Dale Ludwig was re-appointed as the NW Regional Director for a three year term.

The positions of President and President-Elect are up for election. Joe Bren stated that he is considering his retirement and time commitments and is not interested in serving as the President at this time. Joe Bren nominated Tom Johnson for President, with Brad Webster seconding the nomination. All in favor, motion carried. Congratulations, Tom! Dale Ludwig nominated Boyd Westman for President-Elect, with Jean Baird seconding the nomination. All in favor, motion carried. Congratulations, Boyd!

President Tom asked for volunteers for a legislative committee to be involved in House and Senate bills that affect driver education. Five or six people would watch the bills and mainly keep in contact via email with Carol Thurn for input from our organization – being a NDDTSEA voice. Becky Hardy and Bob Green volunteered. Carol Thurn would also be a part of this committee as a resource. If there is anyone else that would like to volunteer, please contact Tom or Becky.

President Tom emphasized how important it is for the entire state to be using our curriculum. It promotes unity throughout the state and is a curriculum among the leaders of the country. Ideally, with the driving schools coming under NDDOT, it opens the door to create open relationships with effective educational practices. The driving schools will be under Glen Jackson of the Driver's License Division. We want to have classroom programs that are not 'Have to', but Want to!

Rich Hanson addressed the association discussing the possibility of a 'Train the Trainers' group for behind the wheel. This would be a group of 5 or 6 teachers from across the state that would come to Bismarck for an off-street training day with Bill Warner and Rich Hanson. These people would become the trainers for around the state – training the other teachers in their home areas. This initial training would be in the various areas around the state, conducted by the ND Trainers and supervised by Bill or Rich. If you are interested, please let Tom know.

Jim Keller asked about having resources available to all. If you email Carol Thurn with any new ideas or resources, she will see to it that it becomes either list served or available through DOT.

Thanks to Boyd Westman and Jeff Weber for helping to plan the conference. Thanks to our vendors: Ryan Gellner from the Association of Counties, Dawn Mayer with Child Passenger Safety, and Terri Weaver from the National Safety Council. Carol Thurn received donations from Dvorak Motors to purchase 12 of the presentation tools (the clickers/laser pointers) used for door prizes! The association received donations for the break food/drinks from ABATE of North Dakota, Darin Johnson Insurance Agency, and West River Telephone of Hazen.

Dale Ludwig made a motion to adjourn and Jean Baird seconded it. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:46.