

**NACDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 21, 2014
CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Thomas at 9:05 AM via conference call.

Joining the meeting was:

Officers and Executive Committee:

Tim Thomas, President – New Jersey Representative
Sandy Thompson, Secretary – Pennsylvania Representative
Ed Hoxsie, Immediate Past President – NY Representative
Rick Mickowski – Past President – Delaware Representative
Kerin Walsh – Delaware Representative

Minutes of September 17, 2013 Annual Meeting -

It was moved by Rick Mickowski and seconded by Ed Hoxsie to approve the minutes as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ines Zimmerman, Treasurer distributed a financial report reflecting the financials from the Northeast NACD Regional meeting with an ending balance of \$8,439.08. *It was moved by Ed Hoxsie and seconded by Rick Mickowski to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Carried.*

President's Report - Tim and Ines discussed the treasurer's report and ideas to generate more income for the NACDE. Some of those ideas included raising the price of the tour during the Northeast Regional meeting. Another idea was to bring back the raffle and holding a meet and greet/cocktail hour. Discussion was held on bringing back the raffle for a tablet as well as the price and amount of tickets to sell. **This will be discussed further at future conference calls. Tim will look into the raffle concept further as well as obtaining the tablet.**

- ✓ **Communications** – Tim also discussed the need to update the contact list. **Tim will be checking the list for all 13 states to assure we are contacting the correct individual for the NACDE.**
- ✓ **Regional & National News** - **Also need to be receiving news from the National Level to forward down to the regional and even state level.**

NCDEA Meeting – Tim and Ed reported on the meetings/sessions and tours held at the NACD Annual Meeting in Anaheim California. He stated that the sessions he moderated were excellent and liked the idea of having a share fair to promote districts around the region/country. The NCDEA held a session in which Tim gave a presentation on training. During the meeting, the

Farm Bill was passed and the focus of the meeting was changed from pushing to get the bill passed to discussion of getting the programs implemented with sufficient funding. Rick reported that the National Envirothon has been cancelled for this year due to lack of funding. There was further discussion on reorganization of the National Envirothon. Elections of NACD and NACDE were also reported and discussed.

New England Leadership Meeting - Meeting of the New England states and is the longest continuous meeting of state leaders. This year's meeting is April 8-9 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Registration is due by March 31 at an approximate cost of \$140. Tim is unable to go but recommends sending someone if anyone is available. ***It was moved by Ed Hoxsie and seconded by Rick Mickowski to approve covering the expenses for someone to attend the New England Leadership Conference. Carried***

2014 Northeast Regional Meeting – Tim has participated in a conference call in planning for the meeting being held August 24 -26 in Newport RI. If there is an interest in participating in the conference calls, please let Tim know.

- ✓ **Sunday Tour** – Tim suggested having the details of the tour decided to be placed on the Save-The-Date flier. Discussion was held on the type of tour and potential sites and to also gather ideas from the planning committee for the regional meeting.
- ✓ **Conservation Awards** – Rick will be sending out the notice to receive the nominations by the end of June. **Rick will be making contacts for volunteers to assist him with the awards.**
- ✓ **Topic Ideas for Concurrent Sessions** – Discussion was held on tying in some of the topics from the national meeting to the regional meeting such as soil health, backyard conservation, conservation delivery system of the future, and district director certification. Important to assure there is enough time for the presentations so they can get a little more in depth. The presentations should also be available on a website. Discussion was held on trying to bring in a share fair for districts within the region to highlight their local unique programs as a part of the State of the State reports.

Communications – Discussion was held on NACDE having a Facebook page. **Tim will investigate further.**

- ✓ **Newsletter** – Rick completed the newsletter last fall and is trying to at least get the Annual newsletter completed.
- ✓ **Website** – Rick is working with Victor to bring the website up-to-date as well as the potential to post presentations from the Regional meeting.

Next Meeting/Teleconference – Plans to hold a teleconference call the last week in April. A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the best date.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sandy Thompson, Secretary