

Minutes NRM Conference Call March 16, 2017

Called to order at 6:06 pm. Members on call were Craig Beam (non-voting President), Dick Fast, Matt Ruuhela, Chris Kronebusch, Jim Mikulich, Stu Hoyt, Eliza Kuntz (non-voting National Representative), Rita Brown (non-voting Business Manager) and Jill Chumbley (non-voting Professional Development Coordinator). Absent were Karl Svensson and Lesa McDermott (non-voting Finance Committee member).

1. Minutes from February 23, 2017 were approved unanimously on motion by Dick Fast and second by Stu Hoyt.
2. Election of Treasurer to replace Tony Brown. Karl Svensson is willing to take on position but not until after April 15. We will revisit nomination and election in mid April meeting. Rita Brown will start to put budget together and will have draft by April 15.
3. Training Plan. Jim Mikulich and Matt Ruuhela. Laid out proposed training plan. On their recommendation and with Rita Brown's concurrence, the training program will be largely in Rita's hands, working with volunteers, staff, board members and national to fill in gaps as she sees them. Main goal is to get Rita plugged in with people and network already in place. She now has passwords for CRM and will train on that with Lesa and national. She is nearly up to speed on financials and will be getting those out to board on a regular basis. Phone will be transferred when she feels ready and she will work with Jill and other board members to get help with directing messages/requests as needed. She will work on financials with new ED and Treasurer. She has most of the equipment that was in storage including several hard drives and flash drives. Jill has some of the other equipment including copier at her home. Rita will open new post office box in Billings and begin process of changing addresses in web site, etc. to get mail going there. Hallie Kronebusch will keep doing web site and newsletter for near future at least. Board discussed an informal get together in Bozeman in near future to give board members and others chance to meet the new Business Manager and Executive Director and vice-versa. Dick Fast will work on putting something together before Spring Board meeting. Jill Chumbley will remain in Professional Development position through end of fiscal year as we transition to new administrative structure.
4. Jill Chumbley and Rita Brown left meeting as board moved to consider recommendations from Stu Hoyt and search committee on new Executive Director. Stu reported that the search had been open for one month and resulted in 9 resumes from which the committee selected 4 for interviews. They recommended offering the position to Herb Davis, the highest ranked of those based on interviews. Stu offered a motion to that effect, seconded by Jim Mikulich. Vote was: Stu Hoyt, Jim Mikulich, Chris Kronebusch, Matt Ruuhela and Dick Fast all voted yes. Stu Hoyt voted Karl Svensson's proxy as yes for a unanimous approval. Stu will offer position to Herb Davis for start position as soon as possible.
5. Stu Hoyt will work with his committee to update R&R's and ByLaws to reflect changed administrative structure. Goal is to have amendments ready by spring meeting on May 13.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09. Dick offered motion and Stu Hoyt seconded.