

2015 Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2015

4:28 PM

WERA-72 Annual Meeting 2015

Las Vegas, Nevada

Business Meeting Agenda

Attendees: Lia Nogueira, Chair; Marshall Frasier, Vice Chair; Aaron Johnson, Secretary; Scott Downey, Treasurer; Elizabeth Yeager; Aleksan Shanoyan; Jason Bergtold; Greg Baker; Forrest Stegelin; Tim Woods; Ira Altman; Desmond Ng; Ruby Ward; Kynda Curtis; David Ripplinger

- A. Chair Nogueira called the meeting to order at 4:39 pm. Secretary Johnson took minutes
- A. Approval of past minutes
 - a. Minutes from the 2014 meeting were reviewed.
 - b. Moved by Downey, seconded by Bergtold to approve the 2014 business meeting minutes.
 - c. Approved unanimously.
- B. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Treasurer Downey summarized the treasurer's report:
 - i. Current cash balance of \$10,856 (exclusive of all registration revenue and expenses for 2015 meeting).
 - ii. 2015 meeting expenses and revenue
 - 1. 22 registrants for the 2015 meeting
 - a. four registrants are students who are presenting
 - b. Keeping with past practice, registration fee was waived for all student participants presenting papers
 - 2. 16 participants took advantage of early bird registration (\$250 if registered before May 1)
 - 3. 2 participants paid late registration fee (\$300 after May 1)
 - 4. Total revenue of \$4,600
 - 5. Expenses for 2015 program are incomplete
 - iii. Curtis moved to approve the treasurer's report, Frasier seconded the motion.
 - iv. Motion passed and the treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.
- C. Old business
 - a. Annual Report
 - i. Update of activities and outcomes
 - 1. Nogueira reminded the need for participants to officially sign up
 - a. She will email those not participating this year but who usually do
 - b. Graduate student registration fee waiver
 - i. Policy discussed:
 - 1. provide \$0 registration fee for presenting students with cap of 6
 - 2. if more students the executive committee has discretion
 - ii. Moved to accept by Downey; seconded by Bergtold

- iii. Passed unanimously
- c. Communication/Outreach
 - i. Website
 - 1. Nogueira updated group on changes done and planned for website. She encouraged members to visit website and offer suggestions
 - 2. Curtis suggested adding language about benefits for graduate students
 - 3. Bergtold suggested AgManager.info hosted by KSU may be good alternative hosting location if need in the future
 - 4. Curtis suggested we develop a Facebook page
 - 5. Ward suggested we move the listserv to system that anyone can send announcements to the list
 - a. Nogueira will check with Al Wysocki (University of Florida) if we can open the access
 - ii. Posting presentations/papers
 - 1. Plan is to post papers and presentations in AgEcon Search (not doubled on the website)

D. New business

- a. Election of WERA-72 Secretary for 2016
 - i. Johnson nominated Bergtold to serve as secretary in the coming year.
 - ii. Moved to close nominations and declare Bertold secretary-elect by acclamation
 - iii. Fraiser moved and seconded by Ira
 - iv. Motion passed unanimously
- b. Selection of location/date for future meetings
 - i. 2016: Denver / Fort Collins, Colorado
 - 1. Dates to avoid
 - a. IFAMA meetings (no date yet - usually 3rd week in June - ? 13-16th)
 - b. WAEA meetings (June 21-23)
 - c. AAEEA meetings (July 31 - Aug 2)
 - d. Need to pay attention to Father's Day as well (June 19)
 - 2. Partners and theme ideas
 - a. Ward - other regional group would be good but not WAEA
 - b. Curtis - Wine Economics Association meets in June every other year in the U.S.
 - 3. Decision: June 6 & 7, 2016 in Ft. Collins
 - a. Baker moved, Bergtold seconded
 - b. passed unanimously
 - 4. Possible themes/ideas: Marijuana facility/production tour
 - ii. 2017: Return to Las Vegas? Other suggestions?
 - 1. Ward - tour post program may be interesting
 - 2. Curtis - offered to help arrange Vegas option off-stripe facilities
 - 3. Left it to executive committee to explore options
 - a. Fun, interesting, easy to get to
 - iii. Nogueira acknowledged the retirements of Dennis Conley and Forrest Stegelin

- iv. Commended Danielle Quirk from Purdue University's Center for Food and Agricultural Business for all her effort in coordinating with the hotel

- E. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting; Woods seconded the motion
 - a. Chair Nogueira adjourned the meeting at 5:32 pm.