

## **NETA Board Meeting      Embassy Suites LaVista, NE   April 25, 2012**

**Present:** Darci Lindgren, Rich Molettierre, Gregg Robke, Lenny VerMaas, Mike Burns, Nicki Markut, Matt Lee, Lucas Bingham, Tom Rolfes, William Bolen, Sandy Blankenship, Renee Kopf, Dawn Prescott, Bob Goeman, Lynne Herr, Jason Rushing, Nicole Badgley, Josh Allen, Jane Davis, Lynne Behounek, Jason Everett, Jackie Ediger, Craig Badura, Pam Krambeck, Angie Wassenmiller and Dennis McIntrye as a guest.

Renee Kopf called the meeting to order at 12:28.

Motion made by Josh Allen, seconded by Bob Goeman to approve minutes of the last meeting, all in favor, motion carried.

No detailed treasurers report was presented at this time.

Introduction of the new board members:  
Angie Wassenmiller, Concordia University  
Craig Badura, York Elementary this year.  
Pam Krambeck, ESU 3

Congratulations to those reelected (Jackie, Josh, and Nicole) and thanks for your time and work to those leaving the board (William and Lenny).

Update on keynote speakers.

25th Anniversary Details:

- \* thanks to the committee
- \* beads and cupcakes are ordered and ready to go
- \* Past presidents meal tonight in Dapper I and II
- \* Gift cards to hand out during the conference--30 each day

President Elect Bob Goeman

- review conference details: we have no cancellations as of today we are full in sessions and in the vendor area.
- board members help monitor problems in session rooms and traffic flow in the hallways
- reminder about routing traffic in/out Windsor VI to use an "enter" and "exit" signs (available w/easels)
- Watch for the Thursday and Friday labeling for the keynote drawings. Must be present to win.
- Board needs to use their yellow lunch tickets instead of the perforated ones on your badge.
- reminder to check for badges at exhibit hall, especially after keynotes so they see we are doing some checking
- Vendor Only attendees will have stamp on badge stating that they are only registered for Exhibit Hall
- Jason, Craig, and Nicki will coordinate the sales booth.

Past President William Bolen

- We have 61 volunteers this year
- Mentors assigned to help new board members

- Registration first thing tomorrow morning will be the busiest. Everyone needs to help out.

#### Executive Liaison Tom Rolfes

- Disaster Recovery Planning Workshop report
- comments regarding bylaw vote and how it will be run Thursday
- review the conference duty roster

#### Site Coordinator Lynn Behounek:

- Board members can eat lunch and stop for snacks in Manhattan I (beverages and snacks compliments of Embassy Suites)
- Manhattan II is also available for overflow this year
- We'll have Past Presidents joining us in Manhattan rooms as well
- Wednesday night dinner is in Dapper I-II with social beginning at 6:30 and buffet ready by 7:00 PM.
- All Board members staying overnight will be housed in the Embassy Suites (wristbands). Breakfast will begin at 5:30 as a special service for the conference.
- Debriefing meeting at the end of the conference will be held in Sugarloaf (new board members please note we meet at the end of the conference after cleanup, so plan to stay a while Friday after vendor drawing)

#### Executive Director Sandy Blankenship

- We have 2,132 paid registrations for the conference. Could end up with 2241, with board members 2352 all together. The past presidents do not appear in our registration numbers because they are coming in free.
- We again will be utilizing RevTrack system for processing credit cards. RevTrack will not have a vendor booth this year.
- Information Booth provided again this year to try to answer questions and pull those with questions away from sales booth. We'll have some tabletop signs to hopefully help move "questions" traffic away from Sales Booth.
- Another booth will be next to Information booth—Nebraska Loves Public Schools
- distribution of lunch tickets to board members—go through express line in Atrium to retrieve lunch (New this year-- mark your lunch ticket as to whether you are getting salad or sandwich)
- Some board members will register another guest upon checkin, so that all our people have access to manager's reception and breakfast
  - Renee gets extra key for Cheryl McIntyre
  - William gets extra key for Dennis McIntyre
  - Matt gets extra key for Mike Burns
  - Jason R gets extra key for Josh Allen
- List of Responsibilities
- Sandy asked Board to review BYOD and Conference Evaluations and let her know if any changes needed.

When you help in the ETAN booth, be sure to encourage the people to register with an account other than their school account. They can send a letter to their congressman with their own personal message. Give out a ribbon if they sign up and send the letter. We will put a pushpin in the map for each one that has done this. There is a drawing for a gift at the end.

#### Other announcements

Jane Davis will be Assistant to the Superintendent and the following year become Superintendent at Hershey.

Lucas Bingham will leave Louisville Public Schools and become Technology Coordinator for School District 145 of Waverly.

Craig Badura submitted a letter of resignation because he is leaving his current position at York to work for Aurora. According to the bylaws, he was voted in as a York employee.

Jason Everett made motion to reject Craig Badura's resignation. It was seconded by Josh Allen. Motion passed.

#### New Business

Bob Goeman outlined the new salary package for the Executive Director position that we are advertising. Once we have the recommendations in place, we can begin advertising more and possibly get someone hired before the July meeting. The board reviewed the recommendation and discussed different skills, expectations and details for the job.

Advertising for job opening will begin with the opening session tomorrow, a push out to the listserv, and the board talking to people they know to encourage them to talk to others.

Gregg Robke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.. Seconded by Jason Rushing. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Planning Ahead**

April 27, 2012: All membership meeting prior to keynote

April NETA Conference: Thursday and Friday April 27-28, 2012

July Summer Retreat July 17-18, 2012. July 16 reserved for President's Council and Contest Committee meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Badgley  
NETA Executive Secretary