

NAVPLG BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY
September 24, 2008
MINUTES

In attendance: Tibby Larson, Kathy Cahill, Tish Sammon, Cyndy Howell, Leigh Britt, Barbara Grostick

No changes were made to the minutes; they were approved as distributed. Tish moved to approve the minutes; Cyndy seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the account is \$9,157.37. Tish moved to approve the treasurer's report; Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership: Discussion was to keep the membership year the same, but to make the membership aware that the organizational year begins on November 1. Members who join after July 1 are "grandfathered" into the next year. A paragraph will be added to the membership form. Kathy moved to accept this as our policy; Tibby seconded the motion and the motion passed. Tish will send the membership renewal letters in October.

Newsletter: There were comments that the first newsletter was excellent. Kathy is working on collecting photos. *(Donna was unable to participate in the call but followed up with the board via e-mail later that day.)*

Website: Thank you to Kathy for updating the website. She encouraged the board to provide her feedback and ideas for content.

The Revised Annual Calendar was distributed to the board by Barbara. The next conference call will be in January and we'll meet more frequently as the conference approaches.

VMLG Yahoo Group Update: Kathy created this site and it has received several postings. She encouraged more people to post in order to build the site. Kathy serves as moderator so that we don't get spam. This is a great way for us to communicate.

Old Business

- CD or Money Market Account (to accrue interest) – Kathy asked about putting some money into an interest bearing account. Tibby will find out and will report back and the board may vote via e-mail.
- E-Volunteerism membership – We may ask the membership if they use this service when they renew their membership. Cyndy believed the fee was paid for one year of service. Tibby will find out when we paid and how much. It

was suggested that we do an e-survey of our members to find out if they find it useful. May need to make it easier to get to the portal on the website.

New Business

- Points of Light/Hands-On Liaison – Barbara reported that Andy King's position has been eliminated; Andy has been our contact with Points of Light. This could be a difficult issue for NAVPLG. Financial issues may limit attendance at the 2009 conference and travel may be an issue for several people. The board may need to "wait and see." ServiceNation was a new organization that was mentioned that held an event with the presidential candidates; Time magazine featured an article on ServiceNation.
- Pre-conference Agenda/Program Ideas – Barbara is still getting feedback from those who attended last year; many of them are not government volunteer coordinators. Kathy asked about the purpose of the pre conference. It does not generate money for NAVPLG. It is an avenue for us to recruit members and also to network. It was suggested that NAVPLG have an exhibit at the POL/HON conference. Instead of a pre-conference session, it was suggested that we hold a social event at the beginning of the conference with the goal of networking and to "break the ice." This issue was tabled to be discussed further at a future meeting.
- Appointment of new Board Member (Anne Strauch) – Anne had put her name on the nominating list and was recommended by Donna Phillips to serve as a board member at large. There is room to bring on one more person. She is the community engagement partner with the Appleton, WI police department and also a county elected supervisor. Kathy moved to add her as a board member; Tish seconded and the motion passed. Barbara will contact her with additional information.
- Awards & Scholarship discussion – Leigh Britt agreed to chair the Awards Committee for the coming year and will report to the board with details at the January meeting. Kathy and Robin Gorham worked on the awards last year and Kathy has agreed to convert the forms to an online version for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 Central time.