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NASPA IV-WEST Regional Board Meeting

March 19, 2000 1:00 PM

Westin Indianapolis, House Room-Indianapolis Conference

Board Members Present: Jim Bies, Pam Bowers, Philip Covington, Ann Eversole, Ann Flaherty, Tammy Gocial, Gary Golden, Stephen Haseley, Lisa Heath, Florence Johnson, Tara Knudson, Mark Lucas, Prakash Mathew, Linda Mullens, Todd Olson, Lori Reesor, Kim Reichert, Rich Rossi, John Sandlin, Christine Schneikart-Luebbe, Laura Valdez, & Wayne Young.

Board Members Absent: Larry Barker, Becky Barker (Just gave birth 2/24), Mike Dannells, Jody Donovan (mother not doing well), Diana Doyle (brother passed away), Holly Dressler, Suzanne Gordon, Kim Grassmeyer (Pre-conference workshop), Sherryl Hall-Peterson, Patricia Long, Christopher Payne, Terrance Ryan, Denise Schlake, Ruth Stoner (On a Cruise), Eliseo Torres, Beverly Tuel, Chuck Van Rossum, & Gary Zack.

Guests Present: Dick Palm & Mike Shuttic.

Lori Reesor, Regional Vice President, called the board meeting to order by asking the board meetings to introduce themselves, say who they were cheering for in the NCAA tournament, and make a name placard for themselves.

Lori Reesor then proceeded to update the regional board members of information from the NASPA Board meeting. Currently there are roughly 3,000 conference attendees at the conference. One possible reason for this is ACPA being held in Washington in a few weeks.

Lori proceeded to make announcements about the Regional Business Meeting, the Network Fair, NASPA Business Meeting, & the Region IV-West dessert reception. Lori noted that there is a printing error regarding the location of the dessert reception (It is in Westin room 1532 not room 1533 (Grassmeyer's room) as printed in the conference book).

This year there are no paper conference evaluations. The conference evaluations will be done through email or the web.

Lori announced the five regional retirees to the rest of the board.

Lori proceeded to give more information on the NASPA board: Jane Guyton, a regional board member, is now on the national board; NASPA is looking at a task force on international student/colleagues involvement; Conference sites are Seattle in 2001, Boston in 2002, St. Louis in 2003, Denver in 2004, and Tampa in 2005 (The other two possibilities were Baltimore & Charlotte).

Lori proceeded to say that NASPA is bringing back the President's award, although it is unclear how. They are changing the Graduate and Professional Student Services Network Chair name to

something else because it is unclear with New Professionals and Graduate Students Network Chair.

Lori then discussed the topic of social awareness & NASPA. Currently the 2004 conference in Denver is scheduled to be at the Adam's Mark Hotel (There has been the recent case of discrimination against African-Americans that was settled in federal court but there is still the ongoing civil cases). If NASPA breaks the contract today, we will lose \$275,000. Currently, NASPA is doing well financially, but how do we balance social awareness with fiscal responsibility. Along those lines, should NASPA be monitoring what it invests in? Should we be investing in alcohol, tobacco, guns, etc.? Should there be alcohol at NASPA parties? These are the conversations that we have with our students on our campuses, shouldn't we be having them here?

Lori reported that the Omaha conference only made \$1,000. Since we only had around 200 people attending, we did not meet the hotel requirements for discount. NASPA made up the difference.

Lori turned the Board meeting over to Dick Palm. Dick Palm proceeded to talk about a graduate preparation program. It is a one-day conference designed to aid undergraduate students in learning more about the profession and graduate programs in higher education. It has been three years since the last one. The next one will be October 21, 2000 at U.M.K.C. Dick is also asking for money from ACPA. Gary Golden motioned to give \$500 in support. The motion passed unanimously.

The summer planning meeting will be June 1, 2000 at the Wyndham Garden hotel in Kansas City. The room rate is \$89 per night. The conference will begin at 9:00 AM Thursday and ends at noon on Friday to maximize time for people who fly-in. Topics to be covered: team building for new people, time for state coordinators, time for network chairs, and social responsibility.

Due to Pat Long not being present at the meeting, Lori gave the report on the SSAO Institute. It will be from June 21-June 23 in Branson, Missouri. Information sheets were handed out to all Board members.

Tara Knudson, Chair of Mid-Level Institute 2000, passed out a handout on the mid-level institute. To date, Lori Reesor is the only confirmed speaker. April 3 is the priority deadline. Tara discussed that this is the first time the institute has not been in May. There was some concern by board members that the conference was in October with all of the other campus events that take place.

Since Kim Grassmeyer was doing a pre-conference, Lori gave the report on the Regional Conference. It will be November 2nd through the 4th. It will be held at the Snowking resort in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The conference theme is "Renew your Soul." The registration fee is \$125 and the room rates are \$80 per night to offset the travel costs. The room rates will be good for three days before and three days after the conference. Conference participants are strongly encouraged to bring their families. The conference organizers are facing the challenge of fundraising and finding sponsorships. The Advisory Board Meeting will be November

(Wednesday) 1st at 1:00 PM. The Thursday Keynote speaker is Jim Lemmer (Sp?) and the closing speaker is Mike Schlake (Sp?). The award dinner is at the Natural Wildlife Museum.

Rich Rossi, 2001 Conference Chair, talked about possible locations Tulsa, Denver, & St. Louis. Rich mentioned that there is another major conference happening in Denver at the same time. Most Regional Board members leaning towards Tulsa, but others want a big city. Some Regional Board members want to stay away from Denver because the region does so much in Colorado to begin with. First vote: Tulsa/Oklahoma-14, St. Louis-3, and Denver-2. Second choice: St. Louis-13 & Denver-7.

Task Force report on increased faculty involvement was tabled due to Mike Dannells not being present.

Lisa Heath gave a report on the awards system. Lisa talked about shifting the rising stars from state coordinators to new professional network. The Regional Board proceeded to discuss the nomination process, the awards process, and the time to do it. It was decided to keep the pillars a part of it and rename it from a "Rising Star."

Philip Covington, New Professionals and Graduate Students Network Chair gave a report on graduate student involvement. He stated that currently 20% of the regional membership are students. Due to some passionate emails from graduate students he was in favor of creating a graduate student position on the Regional Board to increase their involvement in NASPA. Options discussed included 18 months or one year from NASPA to NASPA. Lisa Heath moved to create a one-year graduate position from March to March. The motion passed unanimously.

The Regional newsletter deadline is June 23 for summer submission.

Lori stated that her goal is to initiate Shannon Ellis by May 1.

Mouse pads were passed out to all members to aid in recruiting of NASPA members

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
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