

SDSWMA Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Conference Call Meeting – January 20, 2016
11:00 am Central Time

Call to Order

President Fred Snoderly called the meeting to order at 11:03 am CT. A quorum was present, but a roll call was not taken. Motion to approve agenda with one deletion: Remove Board terms from new business. Motion by Jay Johnson, second by Michael Cook to approve modified agenda, motion carried.

Administrative Actions and Approvals

Motion by Karl Merbach, second by Valerie Keller to **approve minutes** from the November 4, 2015 Board meeting, motion carried. Secretary Treasurer Erickson provided the following **financial report** (copies were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting), as of 1/18/16 there was an actual checking balance of \$16,548.46 (online balance of \$17,067.21 minus \$9.95 and \$508.80 in outstanding checks) and an investment savings balance of \$50,004.88 on 1/18, 2016. Erickson indicated that due to some market drops our investment savings has decreased in value since November. Motion by Karl Merbach, second by Tim Hess to approve the Association financial report as presented, motion carried. Erickson also reported a **scholarship fund** balance of \$46,012.52 as of 12/31/15 (statement). This balance reflects a deposit of \$2,726 from the 2015 spring and fall fundraisers. Motion by Tim Taggart, second by Larry McManus to approve the scholarship financial report, motion carried. The fund owes the Association \$4,900 for scholarships paid in 2015, but will only be reimbursing \$4,000 (cash available in fund without having to suffer a penalty by pulling \$900 from mutual funds). Based upon this information, Erickson said there is \$3,838.52 available for scholarships in 2016 when 2015 fundraiser income and maintaining the \$40,000 fund minimum balance are considered. Motion by Jay Johnson, second by Tim Taggart to give the Scholarship Committee \$3,800 to award in 2016, motion carried.

Old Business

President Snoderly continued discussion on the potential for SDSWMA to diversify the investments for either the scholarship fund or the Association saving through **investing in tax exempt bonds**. He deferred the discussion to ED Trautman who had spoken with HJ Sims – Jeff Mahoney to gain additional details. ED's concerns included the minimum investment required, how rising interest rates may impact the bond value, length of terms and overall risk. Mr. Mahoney said this is not a bond fund. It is an investment in an individual bond. Commonly these are low risk bonds issued to retirement homes, municipalities or counties (entities with low probability of going broke). A minimum investment is \$5,000.00 in one bond with a probable yield of 4-6% which is paid twice per year as a cash dividend (5% = \$125). Currently the Association mutual fund savings account is averaging about 2.5%. Terms range from 10-30 years with longer terms netting more interest. ED understood that the principle is not lost if cashing out before the term is up and will be paid unless the bonding entity goes bankrupt. Interest should be the only loss if the Association cashes out the bond before the term is up. Jeff indicated that he is willing to shop and find a bond that is a good fit for SDSWMA. Discussion indicated that the Association savings will be diversified, not the scholarship fund. Larry McManus noted the market timing is bad to cash in mutual funds on the scholarship side (soft market). Val Keller made a motion to use \$5,000 of Association savings funds and diversify to a bond portfolio conditioned upon it not impacting the tax-exempt status of the Association. Larry McManus seconded. Motion carried. ED reported that the **P&L YTD and budget vs. actual** were emailed to the Board prior to this meeting. The main things to note are the professional fees expense which included the website and attorney's opinion for the grant (exceeding budget) and the \$2,726 from scholarship fundraisers paid to the scholarship fund. The other item mentioned on the YTD comparison was the float between fiscal years, i.e.) income/expenses from FY2014 received/paid in FY2015 showing mainly on membership and meetings. **Membership** income is currently \$2,385 outstanding. An email will be sent to all members providing them with information on how to register as a member on the website and populate the member directory. ED can approve those who have paid their membership on the backside of the website. The **2016 MOLO** grant of \$39,000 (80/20) was awarded by the BWNR in early January. A list of potential instructors was emailed to the Board to select three potential MOLO instructors. Dave Lore, Karla Welding and Deb Barton were the top three. ED will contact and check availability of instructors and work on securing a hotel in Pierre for the course. A flyer will go out in February. The Association's 2014 **income tax** return is done and to the IRS. ED said she will send a survey to members requesting their selections for the DVD **safety library** and check into purchasing the BRS safety manual. Motion by Jay Johnson, second by Karl Merbach to approve the Executive Directors report as presented, motion carried.

New Business

ED presented a **resolution for Board approval of the 4/1/16 MOLO course grant application submittal** requesting grant funding for registration fees and one night hotel for joint annual conference speakers. Motion by Larry McManus to approve the resolution as worded for President Snoderly's signature, second by Ryan Badten, motion carried. Board members were asked to provide their written comments on an update to the **SDSWMA mission statement** by February 29, 2016. It is printed on the website and is currently outdated.

Committee Reports and Assignments:

2016 Spring MOLO in Pierre: The SWMP grant was awarded by the BWNR and the course will be held at the Clubhouse Inn and Suites the first week of May.

2016 Annual Conference planning:

-Sept 13-15, 2016, The Lodge at Deadwood

-ED reviewed the proposed budget for the conference projecting \$112,650 income and \$72,348 expense based upon 200 full conference attendees, 40 single day registrations and 50 vendors. Expenses include all meals; two drink tickets/person for socials, all media devices supplied by hotel, buses, etc.

2015-16 Quarterly Board Meetings: June 15th at 11:00 am in Chamberlain, September 13, 2016 8:00 am breakfast meeting before annual conference.

Motion to adjourn by Karl Merbach, second by Michael Cook, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted Carolyn Trautman, Executive Director SDSWMA