

## 2012-2013 SOUTHERN REGION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2013, 3:30 PM CST

Conference Call

### Southern Region Board Members (Attendees in bold):

Michelle Dudley, President  
**Jimmy Disler, 1<sup>st</sup> VP**  
**Kerri Ranney 2<sup>nd</sup> VP**  
**Joe Irizarry, Treasurer**  
**Brad Pfluger, Membership**  
**David Kaczynski, Secretary**  
Amy Jones, Communications  
**Daniel Perez, Past President**

Scott Layne, Inter. Rep.  
Paul Mills, SR Foundation  
**Jack See, Ark. Governor**  
**Chris Pellegrin, LA. Governor**  
Gary Armbruster, OK Governor  
**Ray Stringer, TX Governor**

**Brad Chilcote, Pres. Arkansas**  
Beth Guillot, Pres. Central TX  
**Deborah Yocham, Pres. Gulf Coast**  
Michael Holly, Pres. Louisiana  
Rod Reeves, Pres. North TX  
*TBD, OK President (Open)*  
**Lowell Tacker, Pres. South TX**

### Non-Board Members/VIP at the Meeting:

Irene Nigaglioni, Chair CEFPI International  
Carla Terian, CEFPI Regional Director  
**Bill Stice, Awards**  
**Lisa Martin, Awards**  
Tom Gunnell, Conference Content  
**Alan Albers, Membership**

### A. Opening/Introductions and Officer's Reports

- Call Meeting to Order (Michelle Dudley) (3:35PM)
- Establish Board Quorum (10 Present?) **Yes**
- *Motion to approve the February 7, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda*  
Motion: David                      Second: Chris  
Discussion: None

Vote:            In favor: All    Opposed: None            Abstentions: None  
Motion:        **Passed**

- Introductions of VIP and other guests: Committee members, ongoing participation in the SR Board Meetings, communication
- President's Report (Jimmy Disler on behalf of Michele Dudley) – No report
- Treasurer's Report (Joe Irizarry) – YTD Balance: \$                      YTD Net Income: \$
  - International will issue financial information on February 8<sup>th</sup> and distributed via Email
- Membership Report (Brad Pfluger) –
  - Distributed via Email on February 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 757 members in the Southern Region, net increase of 3 members
  - 17 new members, 19 dropped/expired, 8 potential expirations (to be reviewed).
- Communications (Amy Jones) – Absent, no report
  - Strategic Planning Session, see below
  - Next Newsletter prior to SR Conference in April, requested news worthy items
- International Report (Scott Layne) – Absent, no report

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting (Jimmy Disler)

*Motion to approve the SR Board Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2013.*

Motion: Deborah Second: Lowell

Discussion: None

Vote: In favor: All Opposed: None Abstentions: None

Motion: **Passed**

2. Approval of SR Representation at the International Strategic Planning Session and Northeast Region Annual Conference (Kerri Ranney )

*Motion to approve:*

(1) Kerri Ranney as our regional designee for the International Strategic Planning Retreat;

(2) Kerri's attendance at the Northeast Region's 2013 conference in Pittsburgh as the SR representative

Motion: Joe Second: David

Discussion: The Southern Region has been requested to send a region designee to the International Strategic Planning Retreat in Pittsburgh in addition to our SR Representative, Scott Layne. Kerri Ranney has expressed interest in attending as our designee. Kerri Ranney is also slated to attend the Pacific Northwest regional conference as part of our exchange program. In lieu of attending the PNW conference in Regina, Canada, Kerri has proposed attending the Northeast regional conference in Pittsburgh. (This would not impact the PNW representative attending our conference in Austin.) This conference takes place immediately following the Strategic Planning meeting, and since this region is hosting the School of the Future Design Competition, Kerri will also be able to observe, firsthand, how they will host the event. Hopefully, our region will have the opportunity to host the Competition in conjunction with our regional conference in the future.

The SR budget includes travel expenses for the conference exchange program. The conference registration and possible additional hotel nights would be above the current budget.

Vote: In favor: All Opposed: None Abstentions: None

Motion: **Passed**

3. Approval of SR Participation in the School of the Future Design Competition (Kerri Ranney )

*Motion to approve a budget of \$3500 to sponsor the 2013 Southern Region School of the Future design competition.*

Motion: Chris Second: Kerri

Discussion: For the past several years we as a Southern Region have sponsored the School of the Future design competition that is held here in our region. We have financially supported this effort in terms of the cost to host the competition and in helping out of town team's travel to where the competition is hosted. The cost last year for hosting this competition was \$3,121.82 and was paid by the SR Foundation. We will request that the SR Foundation cover this expense again this year, but the SR would be responsible for the cost if the SR Foundation decided not to sponsor the event.

Gloria Barrera is coordinating this effort for us again this year. The event will take place sometime in February.

Vote: In favor: All Opposed: None Abstentions: None

Motion: **Passed**

C. Informational Items and Discussion

• 2013 Southern Region Conference Update (Jimmy Disler, Amy Jones, Kerri Ranney)

○ Registration for golf and sporting clay is open, please register early

○ Sponsorships – approximately \$28K

○ Registration Fees (unchanged from last year) and Hotel Rates are listed on the website

- Strategic Planning Session (Kerri)
  - Meeting with Pam next week, documentation is being compiled
    - Some closure on actionable goals were not achieved at the session
  - Survey on facilitator, consideration for future participation, consistency in 2 years
  - Contemplating International planning session at SR Conference and Member Connect training
    - Board sentiment was favorable to set aside time at the SR Conference
- International/Regional Level Committee Updates
  - Awards - Lisa Martin, Bill Stice
    - Information available on CEFPI Annual Conference Presentation, Submission dates listed, see website
    - Planner of the Year Nominations (Bill Stice) – Requested nomination submissions as early as possible.
  - Conference Content - Tom Gunnell, Absent, no report
  - Membership - Alan Albers, no report
  - Governance - Kerri Ranney
    - Met on February 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Discussed 3 amendments to the non-member surcharge policy:
      - a. Modified definition of “Function” – planned/marketed events, uses CEFPI “brand” and delivers educational content
        - i. This will exempt social, fundraising and recreational events
      - b. Twelve month waiver of policy for newly created/recreated chapters
        - i. Exception for Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas only – waiver applies through 09/30/13
      - c. Alternate fee structure for region/chapter conferences for 2013 – intended to lessen financial impact to chapters/regions who budgeted fees for their conferences prior to the implementation of the policy
    - Approvals by Membership Committee, then to International Board for final approval

#### Chapter/State Reports

- Arkansas (Brad Chilcote) – Working on Board, utilizing suggestions from other Chapters
- Central Texas (Beth Guillot) – Absent, Conference moving forward
- Gulf Coast (Deborah Yocham) – Best Practice Meeting, Safe and Secure Schools, March 1, 2013
- Louisiana (Michael Holly) –
  - Board meeting next week, 4 PM February 14<sup>th</sup>, all welcome to join
  - Quarterly chapter meetings, March 15<sup>th</sup>, teamed with AIA
  - Scholarship applications, were due January 31<sup>st</sup>, no report on application numbers, if any
  - SDSU course scholarship
- North Texas (Ray Stringer on behalf of Rod Reeves) –
  - Chapter meeting next Wednesday, moving forward with Impact Award
- Oklahoma (Gary Armbruster) – Absent, no report
- South Texas (Lowell Tacker) –
  - Program in a few weeks, Topic: solar PV and Ice Storage, Scholarship applications – 2 or 3 so far

#### D. SR Board Meeting/Event Schedule:

- **Next Board Meeting/Conference Call – March 7, 2013, 3:30 PM CST**

The conference call information is as follows: (712) 432-0075, Access Code: 932643#

#### E. Adjournment

*Move to adjourn the SR Board Meeting for February 7, 2013*

Motion: Brad P      Second: Joe

Discussion: None

Vote: In favor: All    Opposed: None      Abstentions: None

Motion: ***Passed***