



Meeting Attendees: Daniel Perez, Brad Pfluger, John Haskew, Jimmy Disler, Rod Reeves, Chris Pellegrin, David Edwards, Kerri Ranney, Michell Dudley, amy Jones, Beth Guillot, Paul Mills, Scott Layne, Irene Nigaglioni, Carla Terian (CEFPI International) and John Ramsey (CEFPI International).

1. **Introductions/Welcome** **Daniel Perez**
President Perez established a Board Quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 am. He welcomed Board Members, Carla Terian and John Ramsey to the 2012 Southern Region Conference.
2. **Treasurer's Report** **Kerri Ranney**
Ms Ranney reported the current balance in the SR Account to be \$172,972.30 without 2012 Conference Income included.
3. **Membership Report** **Brad Pfluger**
Mr. Pfluger reported that there was an overall increase in SR Membership of 14. This included Gulf Coast +1, South Central Texas +6, Central Texas +3 and North Texas +4. He is contacting Membership Chairs in Chapters to emphasize continuing to recruit new members. He will also contact the State Governors to do the same. Mr. Perez announced that the Southern Region is now the largest region in CEFPI International with 714 members, just slightly ahead of the Pacific Northwest Region that has 707 members.
4. **Communications Plan** **Amy Jones**
Ms Jones reported that the Newsletter did not get out in time for the 2012 Conference with conference highlights. She said that a Post-Conference Newsletter would be issued. She proposed that a "Welcome Post Card" for new members be sent once per month. This could be accessed by members in order to get to know the newest members, perhaps 30 in a group. Daniel Perez urged Chapters to get information to Amy Jones on a timely basis.
5. **Southern Region Foundation Report** **Paul Mills**
Paul Mills reported that the Foundation has good momentum and has received good interest in the REFP Scholarship Program. The Advisory Committee desires to place funds for one semester and monitor progress. The Advisory Committee is working upon developing an Investment Strategy. SR funds are presently placed in a non-interest bearing account within the International Foundation Account. The next steps will be to award local and regional scholarships. There are currently two funds: 1. Scholarships; and 2. Chapter Development (presently setting up guidelines).
6. **CEFPI International Report** **Scott Layne and John Ramsey**
CEFPI Worldwide Membership is 3,467. The Headquarters Building in Scottsdale is now listed for sale and should soon be sold. There will be a transfer of hard assets to electronic assets. Scott Layne is Chair of a Committee charged to develop a plan to revise the dues structure. A proposed change in public sector dues is a 6 tiered dues structure for School Districts ranging from Free to a range of \$800 to \$900. The goal would be to enable every school district in the Regions to

participate, depending upon size, with a Bottom Tier with one membership and a Top Tier with 10 memberships. Other administrators and teachers would have free limited memberships (without voting privileges) but receive all communications. The first year would be free and the second and following years would require paid memberships. Scott's Committee is divided into subcommittees. The next category of membership to be considered will be the Corporate Membership, They will examine the value of the organization with consideration of "What is the Value" and "Why do they participate".

Mr. Layne introduced David Edwards, the CEFPI International Board President who is a member of the Pacific Northwest Region. He reported that the International Board was considering Term Limits, establishing new standards, and considering options for membership development. He mentioned that nominations for Awards will soon be due. He also challenged the Southern Region that the Pacific Northwest Region would soon again have the largest membership in CEFPI International.

B. MEETING INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chapter Reports

a. Arkansas Chapter

Jack See reported for Chapter President, Brad Chilcote, that Arkansas Membership is static somewhat related to the economy with school district, architectural firms and some vendors cutting back upon expenditures. He stated that they contact current members to stay involved. Some firms have indicated that they may increase membership. The State Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation now has 4 members but cannot presently attend out-of-state meetings.

b. Central Texas

Beth Guillot reported that they average 65 to 70 at meetings. The Chapter sponsored 3 people to attend the SR Conference. They received numerous applications.

c. North Texas

Rod Reeves reported that they would double the meetings per year. The Golf Tournament raised \$5,000 for Impact Awareness that is based upon competition between School District Teams. Schools that apply must conduct a project that has an impact to improve their school facility or curriculum and is limited to 3 entries.

d. Gulf Coast Chapter

John Haskew reported that their program continues with joint Committee with the AGC Chapter has developed a White paper on improving close-outs at the end of a project.

e. Louisiana Chapter

Chris Pellegrin reported that Louisiana members are in the process of forming a Chapter and 9 out of 19 members agreed to serve on the Board. They are preparing By-Laws in draft format and hoped to submit it soon. They are promoting a Symposium in New Orleans regarding the re-building of schools: Facilities Matter.

C. OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Texas State Governor

President Perez

President Perez announced that the Board will need to select a Texas State Governor.

2. **International Board Member** **Scott Layne**
Scott Layne also mentioned that Nominations will be received for a Member to be elected to serve on the International Board. Certain criteria for membership is required and nominations should be submitted through Scott Layne.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Meeting Minutes** **James Riggen (unable to attend)**
Minutes of the March 1, 2012 Conference Call Board Meeting were submitted. There were these following corrections to the Minutes: 1. Item #5 should read "Ms. Dudley"; Item #7, first bullet should read "Foundation Advisory Council support funding \$5,600 toward SR's Schools of Future contestants"; second bullet should read "Council recommends that all administrative costs for the dissolution of the previous Foundation to be paid by the SR in lieu of the current Foundation Board. Not Approved"; Upon motion made by Rod Reeves and seconded by Brad Pfluger, the Minutes were approved as corrected.
2. **Election of Secretary to replace James Riggen** **Daniel Perez**
President Perez announced that James Riggen, Southern Region Board Secretary, has resigned and that Ray Stringer is willing to serve on the Board as Secretary beginning after the International Conference. Ray has served on the North Texas Board and has also served as chair tees within his chapter including for the SR Annual Conference. Upon motion made by Jack See and seconded by Rod Reeves, Ray Stringer was elected Secretary. President Perez reported that David Kaczynski has agreed to serve as interim Secretary through September and the International Conference.
3. **Request from MWGL Region regarding Funding** **Kerri Ranney**
Ms. Ranney reported that she had been contacted by Judy Hoskins regarding funding to produce a video broadcast of a Conference, the production cost of which would be \$14,000. The Conference would benefit other CEFPI Regions. She wanted the SR to consider a gift of \$10,000. Board comments included a concern about not having control; other ways to help accomplish their goal; and consider that the SR should become an active participant in a future Conference. Financial participation in such a Conference in Minneapolis should more likely come from CEFPI International. No action was taken on this proposal. Brad Pfluger mentioned his interest in developing an interactive vehicle to raise awareness in developing a product that would be project specific, how a conference was accomplished or an Alternative Learning Environment.
4. **Approval of Gulf Coast Chapter By-Laws** **Michelle Dudley**
The proposed By-Laws for the Gulf Coast Chapter were presented. Upon review by the Board and upon motion made by Amy Jones and seconded by Michelle Dudley, the Gulf Coast Chapter By-Laws were approved.
5. **Request for the SR Foundation to fund SBW Travel Costs**
A written proposal from Mike Hinton, Green Team Coordinator, University Middle School, was presented with a request for supplemental financial assistance to cover the cost of travel to Washington D.C. in conjunction with the "School of the Future Design Competition". This team placed second in last year's regional competition. This year, the team has advance to the international competition by winning the regional. The request is for additional financial assistance for: 1. Airfare and hotel expenses for one additional adult chaperone for Tuesday through Thursday nights; Hotel expenses for four students and two adults for Monday and Friday nights; and costs associated with shipping the student's model to and from Washington D.C. The request is for \$2,850. After discussion and upon motion made by Jimmy Disler and seconded by

Amy Jones, the supplemental funding was authorized in the amount of \$2,850 (Kerri Ranney abstained since she has a connection to that request). Chris Pellegrin reported that there is a team from New Orleans that comprises approximately 100 students who will compete. John Ramsey urged the chapters to recruit realtors to become involved in these projects.

E. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled SR Board Meeting was scheduled as a Conference Call for Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 3:30 pm CDT.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack F. See, Jr., Arkansas Governor
Acting Secretary