

## 2012-2013 SOUTHERN REGION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2012, 3:30 PM CST, via Conference Call

Call in: (712) 432 0075 – Access Code 932643#

### 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 & Guests at the Meeting:

John Ramsey, CEFPI Exec. Director/CEO  
Carla Terian, CEFPI Regional Director  
Irene Nigaglioni, President Chair CEFPI International

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

- Call Meeting to Order (Jimmy Disler on behalf of Michelle Dudley) (2:35 PM)
- Establish Board Quorum (10 Present?) **Yes**
- *Motion to approve the November 1, 2012 Board Meeting Agenda*  
Motion: David                      Second: Kerri  
Discussion: None  
Vote: In favor: All    Opposed:                      Abstentions:  
Motion: **Passed**
- Introductions: John Ramsey, Carla Terian, Irene Nigaglioni
- President's Report (Michelle Dudley) – No report
- Treasurer's Report (Joe Irizarry) – No formal report, transitioning position to Joe
- Membership Report (Brad Pfluger) – No report
  - Last Membership report distributed via Email on October 4, 2012
  - members in the Southern Region
  - SR net increase/decrease of new members, dropped/expired, potential expirations to be reviewed
- Communications (Amy Jones) – No report
- International Report (Scott Layne)
  - No Board meeting since World Congress
  - Due Structure work is on going
  - Term limits for International Board participation
  - Scott Layne's expires this year, maxed out on service, Call for Nomination in June, ballots in July
  - Notification sent to general membership for interest in serving on SR committees.

### B. Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting (David Kaczynski)  
*Move to approve the SR Board Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2012*  
Motion: David                      Second: Chris P

Discussion: Meeting minutes from August 9<sup>th</sup> were distributed for review on October 10,2012

Vote: In favor: All Opposed: Abstentions:

Motion: **Passed**

2. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting (David Kaczynski)

*Move to approve the SR Board Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2012*

Motion: David Second: Chris P.

Discussion: Meeting minutes from August 9<sup>th</sup> were distributed for review on October 10, 2012

Vote: In favor: All Opposed: None Abstentions:

Motion: **Passed**

3. Appointment to Fill the Vacant Oklahoma Governor Position (Michelle Dudley)

*Move to ratify the appointment of Gary Armbruster to the position of Oklahoma Governor*

Motion: Second:

Discussion: SR Executive Board Officers must vote to ratify the appointment. Absent officers, unable to vote.

Vote: In favor: Opposed: None Abstentions: None

Motion: **Tabled for next meeting**

4. SR Foundation Bank Account (Chris Pellegrin for Jody Boatman, Southern Region Foundation Advisory Committee)

*Move to transfer \$218,335.73 from SR Foundation funds from CEFPI's Bank of America's corporate bank account to Frost Bank interest bearing account.*

Motion: Second:

Discussion: In 2011 the Southern Region Foundation's corporate entity was dissolved and all funds were transferred under the CEFPI corporate umbrella. The funds were moved to a savings account in the CEFPI corporate bank (Bank of America) on September 30, 2011. Current savings balance \$230,401.91.

To move \$218,335.73 out of the CEFPI corporate bank to a local Texas bank (Frost Bank) opening two separate 6 month CD accounts, allocated as follows:

- Otto D. Grove Scholarship Fund- \$138,794.06 (Interest Rate .20% APY will result in approximately \$130 at the end of the six month term)
- Beverly & Milton Miller Development Fund- \$79,541.67 (Interest Rate .15% APY will result in approximately \$60 at the end of the six month term)

It is also understood that the Southern Region Foundation will be responsible for any additional accounting service charges that may occur due to reporting requirements or audit costs as a result of moving outside the CEFPI corporate bank.

CEFPI International recommends review of the financial policy prior to taking action. It may not have been adopted by the SR. The policy and discussion on the subject was in the November 2011 timeframe. SR Board will look into taking action to adopt the policy.

Foundation Advisory Council will meet on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM and will come back to the SR Board with another recommendation.

Vote: In favor: Opposed: Abstentions:

Motion: **Tabled for future meeting**

5. Strategic Planning Review Meeting (Kerri Ranney)

*Move to Approve consolidation of on-site board meeting and strategic planning retreat on January 11 and 12, 2013 and authorize the proposed budget for the event in the amount of \$8,000.*

Motion: Lowell T. Second: Joe I.

Discussion: The Southern Region Board holds a strategic planning retreat every two years. The last retreat was held in 2011 in Irving, Texas. In years past, it has taken place in the summer. This agenda item proposes to consolidate the strategic planning retreat with the January on-site board meeting and conference host hotel tour.

## Proposed 2013 Schedule

Friday (Jan 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>)

Board Meeting and Hotel Tour: 11am-2pm

Break to Check In, etc.: 2-3pm

Strategic Planning Retreat: 3-6pm

Dinner/Drinks: 6:30

Saturday (Jan 12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>)

Strategic Planning Retreat: 9am-12pm

Costs include: Hotel Rooms, Meals/Snacks, Materials, Facilitator, Printing

\*Travel will be covered under on-site board meeting budget line item

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

Motion: *Passed*

### 6. 2013 Texas Legislature – Bill Sponsorship (Kerri Ranney)

*Move to Approve* SR (1) sponsorship of the bill, (2) education of members, user groups and stakeholders of CEFPI on the benefits of the collaborative law method as well as (3) meeting with legislators on this issue.

Motion: Jimmy Second: Joe

Discussion: Collaborative law has been adopted by the Texas Legislature as an alternative dispute resolution method approved for family law cases. The Global Collaborative Law Council (GCLC) is seeking the expansion of the statute to cover all civil cases in addition to family law cases. The GCLC is seeking a sponsor for the bill and support from organizations that could benefit from the expansion of the statute. The Central Texas Chapter has approved the sponsorship of the bill, but endorsement from the regional board would be more influential.

In order to educate members and stakeholders of CEFPI, a small group of CEFPI members would meet with groups to inform them about the method and its benefits to our membership as well as address any of their concerns. This same group would meet with legislators to inform them about the method and answer any questions.

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

Motion: *Passed*

### C. Informational Items and Discussion

- Preliminary Budget Review (Joe Irizarry / Kerri Ranney)
  - Joe Irizarry and Kerri Ranney presented the 2012-13 preliminary budget. If there are any questions prior to the next meeting they should be sent to Joe. Otherwise it will be on the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for approval.
- 2013 School of the Future Design Competition, Midyear Board Meeting/Strategic Plan Review. (Kerri Ranney)
  - School of the Future Design Competition will not take place in Washington DC. The Southern Region submitted as a possible host city for the Competition as well as Midyear Board Meeting and Strategic Plan Review. The selection committee met Wednesday morning (10/31) to review multiple proposals and all of the proposed locations. Pittsburgh was selected as the host city for the Final presentations.
- International Surcharge (Kerri Ranney)
  - Region members have some concerns/reservations about the surcharges.
  - The current Policy was distributed during conference call and discussed.
  - It was asked when these surcharges were to take effect. Scott Layne said it was to be immediate. John Ramsey then said he thought it would take some time to roll the process out.
  - It was recommended that each chapter go back and discuss this with their respective chapter boards and collect data as far as the impact to the chapter.
  - This information would be discussed at the next Regional Board meeting conference call. It was mentioned that several chapter boards won't be meeting until January and so this wouldn't be discussed until that time.

- It was asked if the chapters needed to call a special meeting with the chapter boards to discuss and it was said that there was no reason to call a special meeting.
- An amendment may be proposed which may allow some flexibility on the implementation of the charges.
- More discussion to follow.
- 2013 Southern Region Conference Update (Jimmy Disler) – No update.

Chapter/State Reports

- Arkansas (Brad Chilcote)
  - The Chapter is identifying potential board members to formalize the chapter
- Central Texas (Beth Guillot) – No update.
- Gulf Coast (Deborah Yocham) – No update.
- Louisiana (Chris Pellegrin) – No update.
- North Texas (Rod Reeves) – No update.
- Oklahoma (Gary Armbruster, Governor) – No update.
- South Texas (Lowell Tacker) – Upcoming Events:
  - Northside ISD Transportation Facility program and tour, Nov 15
  - Holiday Mixer/Membership Drive, Dec 6

D. SR Board Meeting/Event Schedule:

- Carla is working up the new meeting schedule
- Next Board Meeting/Conference Call – December 6, 2012

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

E. Adjournment

*Move to adjourn the SR Board Meeting for November 1, 2012*

Motion: Joe Second: Chris

Discussion: None

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

Motion: ***Passed***