Association for Learning Environments Southwest Region

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 17, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Pacific Call in: 1-877-326-0011 / ***7408569***

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order Kevin Kemner
 - a) Roll Call: (min. 8- or EC Quorum) –Gary Payne
 - i) Kevin Kemner, Marsha Perry-Taras, Weston Weekes, Wade Simpson, Tom Rushin, Gary Payne, Bill Heinicke, Julie Williams, Alec Rengifo (AZ), Kelly Yamasaki (RMC), Rick Conger (UT), Derek Labrecque (N.CA/Nev), Donna Robinson (HQ), Kari-Elin Mock, Benjamin Gardner NM, excused (SchoolsNEXT),
 - ii) Guests:
- 2) Meeting Minutes Approval September 2016—Gary Payne
 - a) Motion to approve, minutes will be forthcoming
- 3) President's Report-Kevin Kemner
 - a) Board had request to submit 2 names to go to New Orleans, Tom Rushin and Weston Weekes.\$3000 was set aside for this purpose.
- 4) Financial Report Approval- Tom Rushin
 - a) Oct balance \$32604.43 in account, Schools next airfare was \$2186.82.
 - i) Check for 2017 event has come in for March conference.
- 5) 2017 Conference Planning Update- Marsha Perry-Taras/Weston Weekes
 - a) Post cards were passed out at September conference. Schedule is being tweaked.
 - b) Sponsorship is open, need at least one sponsor from each chapter. Necessary to fund the conference at the current affordable rates. Currently at \$10,000 at sponsorships. Should have another \$5000 coming in the next few months.
 - c) Proposed that one person be appointed to take lead in coordinating efforts of those contacting potential sponsors to ensure the same companies aren't contacted multiple times. Marsha will make sure we have a person in place. A list of existing sponsors will be sent to Donna for disbursement.
- 6) International Board Update -Julie Williams excused
- 7) Committee Reports:
 - i) Membership and Chapter Development Committee Chair- Bill Heinicke

- (1) Bill noted nothing new from Philadelphia last month. Donna sent out September membership reports and a reminder to look at potential drops for encouragement to stay with us.
- ii) SchoolsNext- Kari-elin Mock, excused
 - (1) Derek reported a conversation he had with past participants. He will extend our appreciation and get from Donna certificates. Meeting is first week of November.
- 8) Chapter Reports update on elections
 - a) Arizona- Alec Rengifo
 - i) No update as he in new. Conference call in the next few weeks.
 - b) New Mexico- Benjamin Gardner
 - i) Made commitment to regroup and get elections started in next 25 days.
 - c) Northern California/Nevada- Derek Labrecque
 - i) Year 2. First tour week from Tuesday. Engage with chapter officers to determine what to accomplish next year.
 - d) Rocky Mountain- Kelly Yamasaki
 - 4 events until end of year. Meet the Board Thursday, tour at Green Schools conference in November. VS sponsoring an event that they joined and their annual holiday event in December.
 - e) Utah- Rick Conger
 - i) New Board just elected, had a recent meeting to plan the Region Conference.
- 9) Open Issues/Discussion
 - a) Tom reminds chapter chairs to have reimbursements for meetings in the past year prior to December 31 to account for them in the current year. Will not authorize those received after that date.
 - b) Derek commented on notion of how to grow membership and use the reimbursement for that purpose (conversation was very difficult to understand due to feedback on phone). Rick asked about getting Districts to participate. State funding has had an influence. Tom noted the biggest problem is reaching out to facility people vs. educators. We need to expand to the educators. Derek wondered if we could have a scholarship fund to bring others to come? Local sponsors to attend the conference? Tom suggests Derek write a proposal for the Board to consider.
- 10) Adjournment: 4:35 pm Bill made motion, Tom seconded