

CWEPA Minutes
December 14th, 2017
Hunter Education Building Denver

Board Members Present: Mike Swaro, Matt Martinez, Todd Cozad, Adrian Archuleta, Matt Yamashita, Sean Shepherd, Justin Krall

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Membership Present: Bob Thompson, John Hood, Eric Lowry, Tom Davies, Kristin Cannon, Tyler Stoltfuz, Jenny Campbell, Chris Mettenbrink, Cody Wigner

No corrections to last meeting minutes/approved

Treasurer Report: (Matt Martinez)

UBS: \$180,735.15

US Bank main account: \$11,199.72

US Bank scholarship account: \$10,709.11

Credit Union of Colorado:

Savings: \$505.13

Checking (scholarship account): \$5076.34

Money Management: \$3437.35

12 month CD: \$4958.27

Sept 2017:

Chaos Ink t-shirts \$2013.00

Discount Mugs \$1684.70

Oct 2017:

Hunholz \$500

Pending:

Rivale, R \$500

Gillham, B \$500

New members:

Tyler Kersey

Retirements:

Gillham, Doug

Hunholz, Eliza

Gillham, Byron

New/Old Business:

CWEPA Board vacancy/position discussion:

There was a vacancy on the board for a position from the southwest region. Brandon Dye was the only member to run for the board. Swaro motioned to add Dye to the board. Archuleta second, board voted to approve Dye's position on the board to represent the southwest region. Thanks Brandon.

There will be a vacancy for the southeast region. So far Cody Wigner has been the only member to show interest. If no one else shows interest the board will vote on Wigner's appointment to the board at the next February meeting.

2018 NAWEOA Conference in Wyoming Discussion (Yamishita update):

Yamishita said that CWEPA could cosponsor a table with another agency on hospitality night. Could cosponsor with Nebraska or Montana for \$500 and CWEPA would be able to sell merchandise. Another option would be to purchase a booth for \$375 to sell merchandise.

Swaro recommended cosponsor during hospitality night. No dates yet.

There was discussion about JD Hart winner attending NAWEOA with \$2,000 from CWEPA and if JD Hart winner does not attend. Archuleta recommended giving \$500 to each region if they have folks that would like to attend. Recommended deadline for JD Hart winner to decide if attending April 15 and other attendees a deadline of May 15 to submit interest.

Sean Shepherd asked about state vehicle use to attend NAWEOA. It was confirmed that it is not allowed.

CWEPA merchandise discussion (Swaro):

Swaro brought an assortment of new CWEPA items for sale consisting of shirts, water bottles and YETI style mugs. Board discussed pricing and decided on \$20/item or three items for \$50.

The question was asked who would be willing to be coordinator of sales for CWEPA merchandise. Sean Shepherd volunteered. Adrian asked about potential for on line sales through the website. It was recommended to put photos of available merchandise on the website and run sales through Sean and events for now.

Cozad asked about taking merchandise to other events for sales. Recommendation was to wait and see how In Service goes and go from there. Yamashita said regional reps could get merchandise out to regional events. Swaro recommended getting photos of merchandise for the website.

Website Update:

Adrian will continue to update website, add photo of Dilly for JD Hart winner, and add by laws, updated forms, and photos of merchandise.

Matt Martinez updated membership list. Swaro asked about prepopulated membership list. Will get with Phyllis to populate a current list. There have been no PORAC issues.

Swaro to get Coghiil announcement out, Scholarship applications eligible to the end of December. Preference given to Biology type degrees.

In-Service Hospitality Night (Swaro):

CWEPA will take lead. Will get glasses ordered, couple hundred. CWEPA and CSPEPPA will be put on glasses. Cozad and Matt Martinez offered to work with CSPEPPA for hospitality night. Swaro asked if anyone knew of any membership needs for fundraiser. There were none at the time.

Future meeting dates set:

Next CWEPA meeting will be February 20th at In-service at 6pm. The new positions on board will be decided and voted on. The 2018 meeting dates and locations were set. They are as follows: May 7th meeting in Silverthorne at USFS building at 10 am., July 30th at the Gunnison Service Center, 10am, and December 3rd at the Hunter Education building in Denver at 10am.

Bob Thompson said it looked like In Service would be at Hotel Elegante.

Open Forum:

Bob Thompson donated two duck prints to CWEPA on behalf of the LE unit. Recommendation was to use one at In service and one at NAWEOA for fundraising.

Yamashita said NAWEOA site is up and running. Recommended a push for membership to attend and try and get good representation for Colorado. Recommended regional reps to visit with AWMs and areas to get the word out.

Swaro said Jeremy Huntington will again give a presentation about NAWEOA.

A recommendation was given to forward all CWEPA award winners to Lyle Sidener for NAWEOA nominations.

Yamashita talked about potential pay increase for instructors. He said there were some concerns from some instructors that people would become instructors just for the pay. Nothing has been decided yet.

Swaro said the compensation policy has been rewritten. The problem still remains that there are financial and funding issues. The Director was asked to attend the meeting but could not due to scheduling conflicts.

Adrian said the Director visited the southwest and expressed interest in meeting with the board about compensation issues.

There were no concerns voiced from membership.

1110 Meeting adjourned, next meeting February 20th, 6pm at In Service