



2019 North Central Region Board Meeting

Santa Fe, New Mexico

August 4, 2019

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Attendees:

Dale Shumaker, IL

Ron Willis, MO

Ryan Britt, MO

Kurt Beckstrom, MN, Region Vice Chair

Alex Schmidt, Executive Board

Dennis Carney, IA

Matt Peart, OH

Kris Swartz, OH, Region Chair

Roger Wenning, IN

Monte Osterman, WI

Beth Mason, NACD, Recorder

Others in attendance: 4

Minutes

1:45 pm

Welcome and Introductions**Kris Swartz, Region Chair**

All present introduced themselves and named their favorite college football team

Approval of Minutes**Kris Swartz, Region Chair**

Minnesota: Motion to approve minutes from the region meeting at the NACD Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX

Second

Motion passed unanimously.

North Central Region Account Update **Beth Mason, Region Representative**

Mason verbally gave a report of the financial activity of the North Central funds. She also ran through the status of the region scholarships.

NACD Executive Board Report with Q & A.....**Alex Schmidt, Executive Board Member**

Schmidt gave a brief report and opened it up for questions.

Legislative Update with Q & A.....**Coleman Garrison, Director of Government Affairs &**

Adam Pugh, Natural Resources Policy Specialist

Garrison and Pugh each gave the board an update on NACD policy issues. Garrison encouraged engagement with the Sunsetting of NACD policy.

North Central Region Winter Board Meeting..... **Beth Mason, Region Representative**

LOCATION:

Mason reviewed for the board the hotel options and proposed they hold this meeting at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles. This also is the location where Missouri is holding another meeting and it came highly recommended. In addition, Mason explained that MASWCD has approved \$1,000 to go towards a dinner for the board. Because there's no meal planned for the group and if one were to be planned, it would be an additional expense to the region to do so, Mason was able to get it approved to put that money towards expenses for breaks and beverages throughout the meeting on January 6 – 7.

Missouri: Motion to accept Mason's recommendation and move forward with plans for the meeting as outlined at the Embassy Suites.

Second
Motion passes

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mason reviewed the 2 speaker options that were submitted (Rob Myers, Ph.D. from SARE and Ken Olson from University of IL) and a third suggestion of a topic (the flooding in Mizzu, the prospect for more, and its effect on soil health). Ryan Britt (MO) mentions a third speaker option (Darrick Steen from Missouri Soybean Association/Corn Growers Association) and explains that he is available and could easily tag-team with Rob Myers from SARE and that both have worked together before. Ryan recommended we use both Rob Myers and Darrick Steen.

Indiana: Motion to accept Mason's and Britt's recommendations for speakers Rob Myers and Darrick Steen and allow Mason and Britt to coordinate the speakers for the meeting.

Second
Motion passes.

NACD Investments in the North Central Beth Mason, Region Representative

Mason briefly highlights the handout but notes specifically the TA grant investments with the latest figures since the handout was printed. She also mentions that the Wisconsin Champs were accidentally listed under Ohio and she will update the handout to correctly reflect that. She will also make sure everyone has the updated figures for the TA grants as some were approved since the printing of the handout.

2019 NACD Awards Beth Mason, Region Representative

Mason highlights the two NACD awards and encourages nominations. Deadline is August 31. She fields questions.

State Round Table Discussion Each state in attendance

Because the board went to lunch prior to the meeting, they felt this item was already discussed and felt it could be skipped. Monte Osterman did make a few additional comments about things in Wisconsin.

Partner Reports All partners in attendance (invited)

Jerry Rainer, USDA NRCS State Conservationist for Indiana was in attendance and gave a brief update from Indiana NRCS.

Officer Comments with Q & A

No officer stopped by for an update, but NACD president Tim Palmer did go to the region lunch and speak with the board.

Resource Policy Group and Special Committee/Task Force updates

Much of this was already discussed at the full board meeting, but Osterman gave two updates on the Urban RPG and the Coastal RPG. Dennis Carney shared a bit about the Forestry RPG meeting he attended, although he was not a member of the RPG.

Committee Updates – a regional perspective

District Operations/Membership Services Committee: Kurt Beckstrom highlighted some of the changes to the Friends of NACD program.

Upcoming Meetings:

North Central Region Listening Session: August 20, Ames, IA, Gateway Hotel. 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

CTIC Conservation in Action Tour: August 20 – 21, Des Moines, Iowa, Embassy Suites Hotel.

North Central Region Winter Board Meeting: January 6 - 7, 2020, St. Louis, MO (location TBD). Meeting details will be provided this fall. (Suggestions for guest speaker(s) are welcome).

NACD Annual Meeting: February 8 – 12, 2020, Las Vegas, Nevada. Visit <http://www.nacdnet.org/news-and-events/annual-meeting/> for updates as they are available.

Swartz reviews the upcoming meetings

Other Business/Items for Discussion

Schmidt mentions the sunset policy and encourages the board to look at it. He encourages that new policy be written right rather than go through the process of editing existing policy.

Roger Wenning gives an update on Indiana Alternate Marc Roberts. Roberts and his wife are expecting their baby to be born any day and they are doing well.

Ohio: Motion to adjourn

Second

Motion passes, meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm