



North Central Region Board Meeting

Hilton Orlando Disney Springs | Orlando, FL

Palm 4 Room

February 13, 2022

1:00 – 2:45 pm

Attendance:

Tom Beyers (IL)
Dale Shumaker (IL)
Roger Wenning (IN)
Marc Roberts (IN)
Ramona Nitz (IA)
Jerry Miller (MI)
Kurt Beckstrom (MN), Region Vice Chair
Ryan Britt (MO)

Ron Willis (MO)
Kris Swartz (OH), Region Chair
Matt Peart (OH)
Monte Osterman (WI)
Steve Stierwalt, Executive Board
Beth Mason, NACD Region Representative,
Recorder

Draft Minutes

1:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Besides the participants in the room, there were participants who joined the meeting via conference call.

NCF Envirothon Discussion

Michigan's status with Envirothon opens discussion, looking for ideas and information on how to bring back Envirothon to the state. Some discussion happened and included Jennifer Brooks, the NCF Envirothon Manager. Beth Mason will bring this up for discussion among the state association Executive Directors.

Officer Comments

NACD Secretary-Treasurer Gary Blair addressed meeting attendees. Second Vice President Ian Cunningham gave a Resolutions Hearing update.

Approval of Minutes

Motion – Ohio moves to approve the minutes

Second

Minutes were unanimously approved

Region Account Update

Beth Mason gave a review of the account status:

- Dues invoices sent out
- Received one state's dues already
- Final invoice for the January board meeting in Ohio paid

Region Scholarship Discussion

Follow-up from the January board meeting motion to explore options for the region scholarship. From the January meeting, it was left that the region would increase the number of scholarships from three to four but maintain them at \$400 each and continue the rotation. Through further discussion, a new idea emerged, and a motion was made, setting new guidance.

Motion – Missouri makes a motion to increase the amount of the scholarships from \$400 each to \$800 each and provide only two scholarships per year.

Second

Motion approved 7 – 1

Executive Board Report with Q&A

Steve Stierwalt gave an Executive Board update

January 2023 North Central Region Meeting Discussion

It was decided we didn't have to be concerned if the meeting conflicted with the No-Till conference which happens in January, but we would not schedule it to conflict with the IASWCD annual meeting which is January 8 – 10, 2023. Kurt Beckstrom volunteered Minnesota to host the meeting. A request was made for the location of the hotel to be the one where NACD held the summer meeting before – near the Mall of America as there were plenty of outside options for meals and entertainment. Beth Mason will work with the Minnesota Association/leaders to make the contacts and arrangements for the meeting.

Assign Parade of State Representatives

Beth Mason announced this part of the program and coordinated participants among the states.

List of Upcoming Meetings:

- 2022 NACD Spring Fly-In, Washington, DC – March 22 – will be held virtually. More information will be forthcoming.
- 2022 NACD Summer Board Meeting, Puerto Rico – July 16 - 19
- 2023 NACD North Central Region Winter Board Meeting (TBD) – will hold in Minnesota
- Monthly North Central Region Zoom Meetings will maintain the current schedule of the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm Central/ 8:00 pm Eastern. If there is nothing to discuss, the board will cancel for the month.

Various remarks were made at the end of the meeting:

NACD President Michael Crowder

Jay Vroom, Vroom Leigh Agriculture, LLC (formerly of CropLife), consultant

Melissa Higbee, NCDEA First Vice President

Motion – Ohio makes a motion to adjourn the meeting

Second

Motion approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned around 2:45 pm