



North Central Region Board Meeting

Caribe Hilton Hotel
San Juan, PR
July 17, 2022 | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendance

Ramona Nitz, IA
Jeri Thornsberry, IA
Roger Wenning, IN
Kurt Beckstrom, MN, Region Vice Chair
Ryan Britt, MO

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

Others in attendance: 8

Draft Minutes

Welcome and Introductions Kris Swartz, Region Chair

Approval of Minutes

MN: Motion to approve NACD region board meeting minutes from February 13, 2022 in Orlando, FL
Second
Motion passed unanimously

Region Account Update Beth Mason, Region Representative

Mason highlights the information from the region account ledger provided to the board and followed up with Q&A.

Region Scholarship Update Beth Mason, Region Representative

Mason’s update from the region account segues into giving an update on the region scholarships. To date, no state has requested either of the 2 scholarships of \$800 ea. These are available to pay expenses to send a local board member to either the 2022 NACD Summer Meeting or the 2023 NACD Annual Meeting (but they cannot have attended an NACD meeting previously). Wisconsin being the exception as their voting membership includes staff – not just board members. The states that have not utilized this opportunity yet are Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. If none of these states request the scholarship by December 1, the opportunity will be open to all states in the region.

Executive Board Report..... Steve Stierwalt, Executive Board Member

Stierwalt gives his verbal report and when discussing membership, Mason provides handout on membership dues, identifying those districts that paid last year, but not this year (yet) or paid less this year than last.

Following his report, Stierwalt had a time of Q&A

January Board Meeting Discussion..... Kris Swartz, Region Chair

Mason provides details to date on the arrangements. Swartz opens discussion for speaker/topics for the meeting. Swartz requested a 30-minute history/brief on the MN buffer initiative.

Board Business Discussion

Brief discussion on the Executive Directors’ Affiliate Organization plans.

Other Business

Meg Leader introduced Nick Reinke with HabiTerre for a briefing on an upcoming project partnering with NACD and districts for soil testing.

NRCS Chief Cosby provides some comments

Leader and Reinke continue with Q&A on the HabiTerre project discussion.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 am

Announcements:

- [NACD Service Awards](#) Nominations open through August 31
- [NCF Next Generation Leadership Institute Cohort Program](#) application period 7/1/21 – 10/1/22
- NACD Executive Directors Conference, South Dakota, 10/3/22 – 10/5/22
- NACD North Central Region Meeting, Bloomington, MN, January 5 – 6, 2023
- NACD Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 11 – 15, 2023