

Spring 2006 SCS Board Meeting
Wichita, KS
May 19, 2006

Governor Kris Irvin-Herron called the meeting of the Board to order at 10:00 am, Friday, May 19, 2006. The minutes from the Fall Board Meeting in Colorado Springs were approved as written.

2007 International Conference Report:

Conference Chair Jan McKenzie updated the Board on the progress her committee has made for the September 2007 International Conference to be held at the Omni Interlocken Resort located one mile from Jeffco Airport in Colorado's Boulder/Denver area. (Note: Lake Shore Lodge is the site for the optional Thursday evening dinner only.) Jan asked whether section committee members should wear a distinctive colored name badge. Discussion followed. Committee Chairs will wear a distinctive badge. Bonita Ades will look for small Colorado sticker-type flags to designate local Colorado Chapter members. Lightweight windbreakers with the official conference logo will be sold as a fundraiser. Jan passed out a proposed list of tours, which must be finalized by November 2006. Discussion followed. Section members will present the official invitation to the 2007 Conference at the end of the 2006 Conference Business Meeting on Friday July 7th in Washington, D.C. Jan would like to practice this invitation during her presentation at the Section Business Meeting on Saturday.

The Board discussed the need for a Fall Business Meeting the year of our 2007 International Conference – our Bylaws require only one per year. Anna Taylor stated that a board meeting could be held to handle any pressing section business, which everyone was in agreement with.

Jody McCarrell suggested having Darrel Collins, a U.S. Forest Service Park Ranger from Kitty Hawk, as a speaker at the Saturday evening AE Awards Banquet. Discussion followed. Frances Luckhart agreed, if the speaker gave his presentation during coffee and dessert, to keep the banquet at a reasonable time length.

Section Officer & Section Meeting SOPs:

Per Governor Kris' suggestion, Frances Luckhart will email the new SOPs, when adopted by the members, to current and incoming board members. Anna Taylor will review our Section Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Section Meeting Rotation:

Vice-Governor Chris Swain stated that the previously approved section meeting rotation schedule would begin in 2008 after the September 2007 International Conference in Colorado. Upcoming section meetings will be held in: Odessa, TX, hosted by Purple Sage, September 22-24, 2006, The Nebraska Chapter will host Spring 2007, no section meeting for Fall 2007 – except a possible board meeting. Chris reminded everyone that potential chapter section hosts do not need to hold the section meeting in their hometown. Anna Taylor suggested that a possible event at a section meeting could be an air marking or a hands-on NIFA seminar.

Budget 2006-2007:

As Treasurer Jan McKenzie distributed her report, she noted that we have over thirty less dues paying members this year than last year. We have 734 dues paying members with section dues at \$4.50 per year. With Section income down, adjustments to our proposed withdrawals must be made. Depending on the market, our CDs can be changed to the Money Market Account. An email to chapter chairs suggesting a \$2.00 per member donation to the *Approach* worked quite well. The ending checkbook balance is \$463.64. In reviewing the budget it was noted that two items were not regular expenses: Archive Room Floor Donation and SPF Requests (loaned to the planning committee for the 2007 Conference.)

Old/New Business:

Bonita Ades noted that a contact of hers is a professional fundraiser and our section may wish to consider looking into how other groups raise funds. Discussion followed.

Beverly Stephens stated that Melanie Frey-Eppard has had a lapse in membership and is not eligible to run for a section position. Chris Swain said that she has had trouble with HQ not promptly renewing her membership via credit card. Discussion followed.

Closing: Governor Kris Irvin-Herron adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.

Attendees: Kris Irvin-Herron, Chris Swain, Jan McKenzie, Diane Rose, Beverly Stephens, Jody McCarrell, Anna Taylor, Deb Price, Frances Luckhart, Bonita Ades, Vee Gordon, Jill Williams

Respectfully submitted,
Diane F. Rose, Secretary

Minutes Read By: Frances Luckhart, Tulsa Chapter
Deb Price, Colorado Chapter