

Region 9 Regional Meeting at the NAI National Workshop 2008

November 12, 2008

Portland, Oregon

The regional business meeting was called to order by Director Alan Kaplan on November 12^h, 2008. In attendance were the Regional Board Members: Director Alan Kaplan, Secretary Sara M. Skinner, Scholarship Chair Cam Wolf, and Webmaster/Historian Robin Joy, NAI President Jim Covell were also in attendance.

Items on the agenda (did not get addressed in exact order):

1. Introductions
2. Jim Covell
3. Elections Report/Welcome to new officers and thank you to returning ones
4. Spring 2009 Workshop
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership Report
7. Newsletter and Website
8. Scholarship

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1. Around the room introductions of self and where work.
 2. Jim Covell-
 - The membership dues for the 2009 year will be adjusted by \$5.00. Lester nominated as the National Elections Chair.
 - Alan helped with the Elections manual.
 - The state of the economy currently is affected the future of the financial outlook. The staffing at the national office has been shuffled around to accommodate budgeting needs and vacancies.
 - The IDP modules will be accessible to everyone next year.

- The Enos Mills Fund is a lifetime fund (the donations will add up every time you donate to give you a cumulative amount.) The goal is to have a fund that allows us to borrow against ourselves instead of a line of credit from a bank where we have to pay interest.
 - There is an NAI Blog and the Legacy will be posted online one month after it is published. The Legacy and Interpreter are back together in one publication that will be published every other month.
 - There is a push to get every Section and Region's newsletters on line. There is a \$1.50 reimbursement per printed copy and \$.75 per online copy (and it's free to publish, no mailing fees). Please make sure NAI has your current email address on file. 95% of members have access and of those 60% have given permission.
 - There is a large trend towards greening everything NAI does. The conferences are contracted out about 4-5 years. There is a discussion to move towards cities instead of regions in determining where the workshops are. NAI takes a big hit when the workshop is in an area that is not as big to visit. In 2007 there were 730 registrants and so far at 2008 there are 1200 registrants. They are moving towards, after 2013, five parts of the country. 40% of the overall finances are based on the workshop. The new system will mean that the workshop surplus will be divided among all the Regions instead of the Region that hosted.
 - The biggest costs for NAI are the Board of Directors costs and membership services. Membership pays for 1/3 of services received.
3. Nancy extended a thank you to Rick and Lester for helping with the elections committee. A request went out for a better description of what the officers do. The new officers were introduced: Director Robin Joy Wellman, Deputy Director John Del Osso, Treasurer Marianne Emmendorfer, and Secretary Sara M. Skinner.
 4. The 2009 Spring Workshop is scheduled for April 17-19, 2009 at Walker Creek Ranch between Tomales and Marshall, California. There are many presenters and ideas lined up; including field trips. People submitted ideas regarding keynotes and topics. Please email them to John if you have more.
 5. Treasurers Report: at the end of September there was approximately \$21,262.84
 6. Membership: at the end of September we had about 395 members.
 7. Newsletters and Website: Mary has done three newsletters (at the time of the workshop.) Please keep sending good articles to Mary. mloan18@yahoo.com

Alan thanked Robin for her dedication to the website. The goal of having one to two day workshops is still in process; please submit ideas to Robin. She's anxious to email out what's happening to the membership as news comes up and will keep a database of members' emails. The website can be edited as needed. Please submit events and information to Robin for posting on the website. We discussed the booth at the workshops, we want to staff one, hopefully with student/teen volunteers, and think it is worth while. The board will look in to the treasury to determine if there are funds for a more portable set-up.

8. Scholarship: The auction at the Spring Workshop in Eureka raised enough money to provide four \$500 scholarships to students to attend the 2008 NAI National Workshop in Portland. 2 from CSU Chico, 1 from HSU, and 1 from Sequoia Zoo.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sara M. Skinner, January 13th, 2009.