

## **Region 9 Meeting at the NAI National Workshop November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Call to order by Robin, 1530

Board members present: Director Robin Joy and Secretary Sara M. Skinner

Board members excused: Deputy Director John Dell'Osso and Treasurer Marianne Emmendorfer

In attendance-introductions-name/where work

### **1. Report by Robin**

- Strong region due to membership and activity
- Stand up based on years of active membership.
- Those that have been in the org for longer than 20 years, interview at least five members that have been here for less than 5-10 years; get their name and their email.
  - Score Card
  - Strategic Planning-meeting in February, hosted at Jim Covell and Christine Revelas' house. Pat Clark-Gray, Sara Skinner, Sara Howlett, Marianne Emmendorfer, and Nicole Gange attended in addition to Jim/Christine. We are supposed to review every two years and establish goals.
  - We are meeting goals in membership. Next task to membership, contact 10 of your colleagues and get them to register for next workshop and join the organization. Keeping goal with communication, hopefully everyone is getting newsletters and Director letters/emails. Elections-Nancy will speak later. Financial planning, we are meeting that goal; we are strong as a region, in the top five of all 22 sections/regions. Added a stipend to our newsletter editor and webmaster; \$200 a year. Facebook Region 9 Friends? How many have liked our page? Check it out. We do post things there as well. 😊
  - Need to meet:
    - i. Fundraising (workshops), awards-need someone to step up as awards chair-describe? Establish process/nominations, etc., regional vote and getting them an award. Tama Rover volunteered.

- ii. Scholarships and more, too. Why don't people put in for them? They think they aren't eligible. We have many available.
- iii. Create a way for member talents in art or photography to be sold through Café press, Donate images, 10% comes back to us (or more? Check on this?) Easy. What do you get someone that has everything? Sketches (Gay is an artist). Proceeds go to organization. Discussion.
  1. Establish sites...decide if what we want is a business site. People would buy for sure, just have to access and organize

2. **Hawaii Chapter**-not meeting their needs very well due to distance. We have the signatures we need to petition that Hawaii becomes their own Chapter under Region 9. Robin will be presenting it to the National Board of Directors for approval. Several members here from that area. What is this taking away? Nothing, it will all be positive. A wonderful opportunity for them and the rest of the region. They can have their own workshops, own funds, scholarship funds, etc. Rick Parmer-involved in the regional people's workshop in Hawaii, one of the most meaningful workshop experiences that he's had in NAI. It did lost money but it was so worth it. Hard part is getting mainland people there.

3. **National Board Updates**-will address reorg, etc., later

- National Board Updates-will get to it later. But, one word of advice. Get out there and get the knowledge. Do research, follow up, read the information. If you have an opinion, make sure it is based on things you read.
- Membership fees are going down and we will be able to join other regions and sections at no further cost.
- Workshops-all funds and reporting will be handled by the National Organization. The nightmare process that we used to deal with is going to be easier. We need to be more diligent and patient; it is the first time we are getting this software. So, we need to know that the first time is going to be a little difficult. National knows that they need to be responsive and timely.
- All morning she was in a meeting about regional layouts, overall consensus is that it won't be reorganized. Not all regions are

strong, but they are looking at not changing that structure but maybe aspects of it.

- Overall financial picture of NAI is stable, but with struggle. NAI is not folding. We have had good management and good financial decisions made with our board. We are stable. A little better positioning than last year.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – We have over \$21,000. We have it so we can return it to our members. What should we be doing with it? If using it, then it will return. Members should be getting something out of it. If you have ideas of what we can and should do with it. How about \$1,000 seed money to Hawaii Chapter? Do have to take it to a board vote but will take a room vote-majority rule. There are five other regions that are doing better than us. The money is not the end result of a workshop, the idea is to bring us together as a National organization, regions have a whole lot of money and they aren't using it. We pride ourselves on our bank account, there is so much more than that. We are a wow because of the activity that we have. One day workshop discussion. Scholarship-see below
5. **Membership Report** – 411
6. **Newsletter** – Mary Loan- keep submitting articles
7. **Website** – Jennifer Stockton –keep sending updates and events
8. **Scholarship** – Sara Howlett- Chair-only have about \$800 in our scholarship fund because we didn't have a regional workshop in 2010. We didn't have a way to build it back up. Room vote-\$3000 from our \$21000 back in to Scholarship fund. Majority- (BOARD VOTE). Rachel and Lindsay are our two workshop recipients were able to attend this workshop. Please apply for scholarships, open to all members. We will have scholarships for regional and for national workshops. Once we get costs established, we send out applications. We will be having scholarships available for training costs (CIT, CIG,). Rachel and Lindsay both introduced themselves and thanked the room and organization. 😊
9. **Student Chair**-Nichole Gange is now the student chair, was a scholarship winner last year. She is a chapter president of the

Redwood Chapter of Interpreters of the student run chapter at Humboldt State. She has been tabling at HSU, her numbers have doubled with memberships. Introduced HSU students. Lead professor is now making it mandatory that the students attend the Region 9 workshop or NAAEE workshops. Nichole made an extension of gratitude regarding passion. She wants to hold Humboldt Alumni (and anyone else that wants to come). Pub or La Bistro You need seasonal employees and we are motivated. 1730 at Pub tomorrow night get together.

10. **Elections Report** – Nancy Rogers-email that Robin put out for her. Looking for people that are willing to run. Director, Deputy Director, Treasurer, and Secretary. She needs two people to run for each office. A great opportunity to get more involved, it is not as much work as people think it is. If you are student and want to get involved, we need youthful perspective. We are on fast track due to delay in the voting for the national, now we have to get slate together quickly. If interested let Nancy know by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
11. **Trailblazer-Enos Mills**-consider becoming a Trailblazer, it's tough right now, but consider it. Month to month, it works. Consider it.
12. **Spring 2011**-we didn't have a 2010 workshop due to Ely location being in Vegas. Polled our members why they didn't sign up and the reason was because they are going to be in National. It was all location, that's why it didn't work. The three-day workshop is tough to take on, a lot of work. John Dell'Osso wants to host one in the Chico area. He has contacted some people in the area that have agreed to help. Going to be held there, usually at the end of March and beginning of April.
13. **One day workshops** – who would like to host a one day in their area. - Rick-want to do more of these, need to take a leadership role. There are some people that want to do a one day workshop. Gay and Holly have agreed that they would like to put on a one day workshop. Acknowledge Rick for the East Bay one day training, it was amazing. Our Region brought in over \$4000. Amazing.
14. **Mini Grant**-Emily-applicant pool is one person. Here are the criteria, must be region 9 member, must involve natural environment, must

address project that addresses family or children. SEND APPS. They are waiting for applications. Extended deadline to November 1<sup>st</sup> and have one applicant. She will accept grant apps to the Wednesday before Thanksgiving month. Emily Jacobs.

15. **Award Committee**-Remember to nominate people, we need someone to chair this.
16. **Exhibit Sign Ups**-new banner
17. **Free memberships**- Less than five years. Drawing from the hat to give two free memberships, drawing. Judy Gregory, Will Elder were the recipients.
18. **Award presentation**-Robin-Directors Award every year. We have a colleague who is retiring this year. Nancy please come up.
19. Gift by Alan to Robin

Meeting adjourned at 1640 with group picture.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Sara M. Skinner.