

Region 9 Regional Meeting the NAI National Workshop 2007

November 14th, 2007

Wichita, Kansas

- Agenda:
- Welcome, Introduction of Attendees
- Treasurer's Report/Spring Workshop
- Jim Covell-RLC and National Update
- Scholarship Update/Recipients
- Complimentary Memberships for 2008
- Newsletter
- Spring Workshop
- 2008 Portland
- Pacific Islands Representative

The regional business meeting was called to order by Secretary Sara M. Skinner on November 14th, 2007 with approximately 20 members present.

- Sara was the only officer present. The members in attendance introduced themselves to the rest of the group including where they worked. There was no treasurer's report in hand, so the general statement was made that we have money and made money from the spring workshop at Asilomar Conference Grounds.
- Jim Covell was acknowledged for winning the election to be the new NAI President. He was asked to present information regarding the Regional Leadership Council (he was asked by Alan Kaplan to sit in and represent Region 9 at this meeting.) The regional finances have been tightened up due to new IRS regulations regarding 501(c)3 organizations.. Region and Section treasury accounting has been moved to NAI National to satisfy the auditing needs. There were regions that have \$30-50,000 invested, so under the new policy if a region or section has over \$10,000 on deposit they can earn interest as they would with a CD.
- Jim was asked about the Lisa/Tim issues. The board was concerned about issues that were not addressed by NAI leadership. There was potential for a turnover in the executive staff. The resignation letters submitted by Tim/Lisa were not accepted and all parties agreed to

mediation. A Region 9 member asked how much money the meditation was costing the organization. Jim expressed that mediation was the best way to seek resolution of key issues, but it was an unbudgeted expense. The results include a change in whom Lisa reports to; Lisa will now report to the board as Tim does. Another question regarding who owns the intellectual property of the certification program was asked. The sole trainers for the certification of CITs remain Lisa/Tim; this hopefully will change with new training related to a Certification Sustainability Plan that Lisa developed. Lisa wrote the CIP book she teaches from but NAI owns the certification program. She donates back to NAI any royalties she receives from the book. The main point is if someone else teaches the CIP program, they will need to develop their own examples to use in the class. The CIP classes have not yet been scheduled out in to 2008 because the question remained regarding whether Tim/Lisa would be involved.

- Jim was asked about Heritage Press, the publication arm of NAI, in regards to who makes the decisions to publish certain books. Manuscripts are first reviewed to make sure they meet the NAI publications policy (refer to web site: <http://www.interpnet.com/download/publicationspolicy.pdf>) and then for marketability. Paul Caputo then sends the manuscript to 4-5 reviewers for comments. If it still looks good, a contract is executed for publication. There is a goal of producing two titles a year but also moving towards electronic publications. The perception and process of publication needs to be more transparent so members understand where our publications come from.
- The AAE section was dissolved and redefined as a branch of the CILH section. The RLC just did elections. Jim reiterated that if someone has a concern to share with the NAI board, they should go to their Regional Director first. When Jim is president, official January 1st, he is also willing to answer questions or comment on concerns. A member asked what was happening with the Develop Director position that was vacated by Julie Buderas. Julie felt like she pushed the membership hard regarding donations and commitments, and that a new strategy would be needed to meet our development goals. The Development Director position does not show up on the staff organization chart anymore. Jim feels it is important to look at reinstating this position or addressing that need in a new way because the board is not a fundraising board; they need to get someone to work on fundraising. The strategic plan is almost complete, there are still some issues regarding long terms visions and statements/goals that need to be finalized, so if you have comments you can contact Jim.
- There was not a scholarship update available and if there were scholarship winners at the workshop, they did not come to the regional meeting.
- Alan Kaplan wanted to remind the group that NAI provides two complimentary memberships for the region to give out per year. If you have someone in mind, please let Alan know by December 1st. There was no mention by Alan of the Director's Awards recipients for 2007.
- Reminder to everyone to submit articles to Mary Loan, who is doing an excellent job, for Westwinds. Sara reminded people that she sends out an email four times a year to request event submissions for use in the newsletter as well as the CILH section newsletter.

- The spring workshop is going to be held in Redwood National and State Parks at the Wolf Creek Outdoor School March 7-9, 2008. Carolyn Widner Ward has graciously stepped up to Chair the workshop.
- We are encouraging Region 9 members to make a great showing at the NAI National Workshop November 11-15, 2008 in Portland, Oregon. The national workshop committee has added a fifth role to the committee chairs, the Sustainability Chair.
- The region is still looking for a Pacific Islands representative for Region 9, some suggestions included: Rob Pacheco and Ray Tabata. (And, no, Phil doesn't get to fill the role and travel to Hawaii.☺)
- A moment was observed for the recent passing of Region 9 friend Phil Frank.

Meeting was adjourned by 5 p.m

Minutes respectfully submitted 11-22-2007 by Sara M. Skinner, Region 9 Secretary

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