

NEBRASCOE BOARD MEETING
Kearney Public Library
September 16, 2006

The 2006-2007 NEBRASCOE Board met at 8:30 a.m. on September 16, 2006, at the Kearney Public Library, Kearney, Nebraska.

The meeting was called to order by President, Cindy Hall. Present were: Pat Jirsa, Lynda Stallbaumer, Greg Chewakin, Ginny Haynes, Connie Richardson, Larry Steinbrecher, Marti Haag, Nikki Dittmer, Rod Repenning, Kelly Fischer, and Ann Kurpgeweit. Sherry Stubbendeck attended the meeting as a guest.

Cindy Hall moved and Linda Stallbaumer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion passed.

Due to the transition of the Treasurer's position, a written treasurer's report was not submitted. Ginny Haynes, Treasurer, reported that an account had been opened in the Union Bank and Trust in Auburn. Union Bank and Trust offers a CD at 4 ½ % interest with no penalty for withdrawal and one weekly withdrawal with no charge. Also reported were balances of: Platte Valley \$3,301.30 and Oshkosh Bank approximately \$28,433.14.

Ann Kurpgeweit made a motion to move all NASCOE accounts, Unadella Bank, Oshkosh Bank and the Platte Valley bank accounts, to the Union Bank and Trust. A general checking account, a CD and a separate account for the 2008 National Convention would be established. The monies from the Platte Valley Bank account will be used to open the 2008 National Convention account due to the fact the money in that account was the profit from the 1996 National Convention held in Omaha. Kelly Fischer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion was held on the 444 form for payroll deduction for NEBRASCOE dues. The form needs to be submitted with an attachment showing the deduction to be made each pay period. An example of the form is in a Personal Book about retirements that came out in 1995.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP-Pat Jirsa

Two \$50.00 drawings were held for members paying their 06-07 dues timely. The winners were Lily Ulrich and Sandra Orr. There are 218 members and 28 associates. Ways to increase membership were discussed. Reminders will be sent to associate members when it is time to pay dues. If a retiree wants to become a Lifetime Member, they must pay their associate dues to receive the National Newsletter and receive free registration to National Convention. If the retiree does not pay the associate dues, they can an Honorary Lifetime Member of NEBRASCOE.

ELECTIONS-Larry Steinbrecher

Marti Haag will help with elections. Districts 1, 2 & 3 are up for election. The elections need to be completed in March.

AWARDS-Kelly Fischer

Nominations for awards are due by February 20th. Distinguished Service Awards are offered at the State Level, Area Level and National Level for 1) Service to NASCOE, 2) Service to FSA, and 3) Service to Agriculture. NEBRASCOE also has an award for an outstanding County Committeeperson. The awards are explained on the National Website. A list of the awards received in previous years is included in the State Convention Handbook.

BENEFITS-Connie Richardson

JM Marketing is offering a new benefit for dental insurance. There are discounts for Busch Gardens.

PUBLICITY-Nikki Dittmer

A new website has been setup. The website will cost \$11.95 a month after the \$9.95 a month trial period. There will be a link to the new website on the State Office Home Page. A newsletter will be posted to the new website quarterly.

SCHOLARSHIPS-Val Phelps

No report submitted.

EMBLEMS-Linda Melchert

No report was submitted.

ELECTIONS-Larry Steinbrecher

Elections will need to be completed by April 1, 2006. The State Convention will be held in York, Nebraska in April.

PROGRAMS-Lynda Stallbaumer

The form is available on the web to be completed and returned to Lynda with any ideas.

LEGISLATIVE-Greg Chewakin

Greg has been appointed as the CAPWIZ coordinator for Nebraska. CAPWIZ allows you to contact congressional members with a letter that has been written by NASCOE representatives. CAPWIZ must use a personal email, do not use FSA email addresses. A Legislative Conference will be held next spring, this is due to the upcoming farm bill. Discussion was held on changes that need to be made to the By-Laws to the Constitution. The last update was on July 1997. Suggested changes were: Article IV – remove COR's and Automation Coordinators, Article VIII – Change Mary to July and to update the association name. As Parliamentarian, Rod Reppenning will compile the proposed changes. Proposed changes to the By-Laws need to be submitted to Rod by January 15, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

Connie Richardson will take over the inventory of cookbooks.

Lynda Stallbaumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kelly Fischer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Kurpgeweit
NEBRASCOE Secretary