

MEETING SUMMARY

NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN SECTION

CWEA

June 20, 2006; City of Modesto WWTF Conference Room

Attendees: President D. Hinson; Treasurer J. Azevedo; Past President M. VonAspern; Vice President J. Welch
Attendance by Teleconference: 1-Year Director R. Johnson; Phil Scott, CWEA Board Liaison
2-Year Director - Vacant

Meeting Called to Order at 2:20 p.m.

Old Business

New Business

Action Items – **Action Items**

Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.

I) Review & Finalize Agenda

IIa) Review Updated Action Items

IIb) Review Minutes from March 9th and April 5th Meetings

Minutes approved as prepared. M-Von Aspern/S-Azevedo/C

III) Reports

a. CWEA Board of Directors Liaison – Phil Scott

Phil updated the NSJS Board on the Board's actions to date: 1) approval of the State of California is being sought for the newly developed WDR training program. CWEA will offer the training on behalf of the State of California through the certification program. The course may include an interactive CD ROM component. 2) The Board is entertaining the inclusion of computer-based training to the certification program. 3) The Board hopes to increase the participation in the awards program by making improvements to the application forms, and proposing an electronic form submittal process. 4) The Board has approved the hiring of one additional staff for the CWEA State Office. 5) CWEA membership dues have been increased from \$88 to \$98; however, the Section dues remain at \$12.

b. President's Report

i) Northern Regional Training Committee Update: NRT Conference, September 17 -19 at Sparks, NV. They are sponsoring a golf tournament on Sunday, Sept. 17th; check CWEA's website for the flyer. Angela Nielsen lead the group in a short leadership training session identifying types of leaders based upon their leadership styles. The Board of Directors will be making some constitutional changes this year to address: quorum requirements at the Board meetings; member voting rights; nominations. These will be presented to the membership via mail ballot in the fall of 2006, with the final ratification vote at the 2007 April Conference. The Membership and External Review Committee (MER) will review any and all by-laws changes. Their review will be conducted in September with final ratification occurring in January. Sections needing to make updates/corrections should have their changes submitted to MER no later than September.

The History Committee Chair, Michael Donovan, has requested assistance from SAS and NSJS for information on the officers and board members during several early years in the organization. The dates can be found on the NSJS web site.

Scholarship applications, Kirt Brooks, are due September 1.

5S nominations are always open; applications are available on the web site. The committee reviews the applications for presentation at the annual conference luncheon.

Collections Systems Committee has a mini training event scheduled in Fresno on July 27 & 28; check their web site for more details.

ii) Section Pins: Diane distributed a few MicroSoft clips for the suggested art work. Rather than use the previous vendor, the Board may want to work with Ward Promotions located in Modesto. Joanne provided a quick update on the Safety Committee's visit to Ward Promotions for "giveaways" to registered seminar participants. More details will be shared with the Safety Committee at their July

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iii) Badges: Done and distributed. Diane purchased a label maker that will be used to label each badge as needed. The badges are for Board of Directors members, Committee members when working an event, and NSJS members having served as CWEA Presidents.

b. Treasurer's Report

i) Current on monthly reports to State Office. Combined checking and CD balance: \$5804.54.

ii) Budget: Joanne and Diane briefly presented the Northern Regional Safety Training Day budget that was approved by the CWEA Ops Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. We have \$1000.00 of start up money, and have spent \$250.00 for a deposit to Buckhorn Catering for the event luncheon.

c. Committee Reports - None

V) **Board Vacancy**

Pam Neronha has withdrawn from the Board of Directors due to scheduling conflicts and other commitments. The Board approved to appoint Blaine Drewes to complete the 2006 term. (M-Azevedo/S-Johnson/C) Diane will contact Blaine to determine his interest.

VI) **Other**

1) Mark discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Board members; a commitment he began as last year's president was to firm up these roles in the Sections By-Laws.

2) By-Laws and Constitution updates: Diane stated the committee shall have the updates ready for the Section Board's review at the next meeting. Following approval by the Section Board, the updates must be submitted to the MER Committee for approval and then submitted to the CWEA Board for ratification.

3) A joint section meeting has been scheduled with Central San Joaquin in September. More details will be forthcoming.

4) A listing of the CWEA Past Presidents will be kept with the Treasurer so that the presiding Board members, President & Vice President, will be able to recognize and announce member's attendance.

5) The Section received a "thank you" letter from the Kirt Brooks Scholarship committee for our donation.

6) It was suggested that during the Board's strategic planning meeting later this year, the idea of a fixed meeting location be considered rather than the rotational location idea.

VII) Adjournment. Motion to adjourn @ 4:05 p.m. (M-Hinson/S-Azevedo/C)