

Minutes of the JCEP Meeting – February 29, 2008

Members Present: Peggy, Gary, Diane, Mike W., Tim J., Donna, Jay, Jon, Jerry, Andrew and Barb
Members Absent: Pam Peterson, Mary Novak

Added Peggy Compton to 2009 facilities. Motion to approve by Jerry and seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

Barb reported the Treasurers report and sent it out e mail. Interest rate is fluctuating; therefore interest income is also fluctuating. Mike moved to accept and Jay seconded.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2008 Conference Planning:

- Registration is under way
- Food prices are higher – so registration fee is increased \$400/day for meeting rooms.
All rooms at the hotel are booked.
- Budget is at breakeven
- Buses also drive registration fee; registration fee is \$125.00
- Chippewa County will forward checks to Barb Barker – Barb will handle refunds due to cancellations.
- Retired ESP members will receive conference announcement from ESP
- Non-ESP retirees will receive conference announcements from JCEP planning committee
- Planning committee needs updated lists of retirees from each association.
- JCEP Conference attendance maybe limited due to: conflicts and limited funds.
- Kathy – needs all association luncheon awards by March 15th.

Promotions – Donna

- Accepting Team Awards applications
- The committee will meet on March 13, at 1:00 p.m. via Wisline to select TEAM award winners.
- Donna asked for input from board about TEAM award winners being told in advance of receiving the award.
- It was decided that team award winners be informed in advance and their names included in the program.

New Promo Items:

- Mike W. has ordered mouse pads.
- Jerry will bring TEAM award display to the JCEP conference.

Issues and Concerns – Gary K.

- Committee meet via Wisline earlier in February.
- The committee reviewed their role as laid out in the JCEP by laws.
 - Current Issues:
 - County budgets for travel and program development are limited.
 - Cancellation policy does not belong here – that belongs to directors/or the conference planning committee
 - PILD Issues:
 - 2 people from each agent association typically attend – the second person has been paid for in the past by Dean – 2nd ESP person will not be paid for in 2008.
 - 2 day vs 3 day JCEP conference
 - This belongs elsewhere
 - Budget issues:
 - Recommended that JCEP treasury and savings be used to help pay for registrations for annual JCEP conference.

- Applications for \$ help to accepted on a needs basis.
- Committee suggested that presenters receive a conference registration fee complimentary.

Directors requested that Issues and concerns committee bring a proposal to the May face-to-face JCEP directors meeting. Re: applications to financial assistance.

Committee suggested that non-JCEP presenters to offered a complimentary meal because they do not pay a registration fee.

Provide feedback to Gary – he will report back in May

Regional JCEP meetings combined is a financial challenge (financially) for state agent association. Ask issues and concerns to address this issue.

Unfinished Business:

-Mike Wildeck 2009 JCEP Conference

-Who signs hotel contracts with Sheraton. Peggy asked someone else to look at contract. Jerry Clark and Kathy will review contract. Mike W. will also review and Chris Keniep.

-Contract calls for March 31 – April 2 are JCEP 2009 Conference. There are already conflicts (for agents farm show) for the 2009 conference that might reduce agent participation.

Peggy will send out contract for others to review.

New Business:

-Community Service Project – Barb Barker extend opportunity to other agents associations to participate in project.

-Support family based shelters in Eau Claire

-JCEP Conference Planning Committee has plugged in time in the schedule for those agents who want to participate in this project.

-Barb suggested JCEP donate money for materials and supplies.

-Jon moved \$100 for community service project and Jay seconded.

Association Announcements:

-WAFCES – nothing

-WACAA – participated in regional FCEP Andrew reported on

-WEECDA – April 2, association activities at JCEP conference.

-4-H – Continue to discuss how to use proceeds from 2006 national meeting to benefit association's members. Considering adding a life-time member to their board of directors.

-ESP – Mike – ESP has a lot of activities planned for 2008 JCEP Conference – Diane w. will send a rep to PILD in Washington D.C. On March 20 ESP teleconference to cover last minutes details for JCEP conference.

-Next meeting – May 19 face-to-face at Schmelkle Center in Stevens Point, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kathy adjourned meeting at 11:25 a.m.