



AFSS Joint E-Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2016

HOST: AFSS North

LOCATION: Conference Call

ATTENDANCE: SOUTHERN REPRESENTATIVES
Danielle Bryan, President
Ron Liechti, 1st Vice President
Janet Arthur, 2nd Vice President
Leah Harris, Recording Secretary

NORTHERN REPRESENTATIVES
Wendy Crosthwaite, President
Nancy Tillotson, 1st Vice President
Danette Austin, 2nd Vice President
Lynda Vargas, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 0910 hours by Wendy Crosthwaite.

Roll call conducted by Lynda Vargas.

Approval of Agenda:

Wendy Crosthwaite requested the addition of two items: adding a member at large to the board and president voting.

Danette Austin motioned to approve with additions, Leah Harris second, all approved.

Approval of the April 26, 2016 Joint E-Board Meeting Minutes:

This item was tabled until the next meeting as the minutes were not available to review.

2017 AFSS Conference (March 28-31, 2017):

Leah Harris reminded everyone of the email that went out to save the date with the hotel information. It will be held at the Anaheim Majestic Garden Hotel. Wendy Nesby will be sending out an email shortly for the different committees. A block of rooms has been reserved, you just need to call the hotel to make the reservation and use the code "Fire Services" to receive the room rate. Danielle Bryan confirmed that the joint meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon around 3-4pm. Registration and the welcome reception will be Tuesday evening. Conference sessions will begin on Wednesday morning and run through noon on Friday.

Constant Contact:

AFSS South still need to be trained. Danielle B. said Vicki Varnes will be the one contacting Valerie Erwin about training; Danielle will get her the info so she can get it scheduled. Both Audra Tellez (Constant Contact) and Vicki (website) will need time to get up to speed. Wendy Crosthwaite asked if the South would support linking our new website to the Cal Chiefs website before they complete their training. In the meantime, if changes are needed to the site, the North can assist with that until they can do so themselves. Danielle Bryan agreed. Once we point the CalChiefs Website to the new website, we will lose the ability to use the "Fan Out Email Service," "The Forum", and the "member lists." Wendy Crosthwaite noted that the South will have to vote on Constant Contact as there is a monthly cost (\$50 or less) incurred for the service. Danielle Bryan said they will vote on it at their next meeting (November 29th).

Cal Chiefs Conference:

Wendy Crosthwaite said a lot of good information was shared at the conference, especially from Liebert Cassidy Whitmore on case law studies, following the FFBOR, etc. They will also be putting on an FLSA class for us in the future. Leah asked if there is a way to get some of the information out to the membership on what was discussed at the conference. Wendy will send out the link to the Cal Chiefs page where each of the PowerPoint presentations are posted. Also of note, following the conference Chief Hartwig's (President Elect of Executive Board) assistant, Beverly Crawford, expressed interest in joining AFSS South. Keep spreading the word!

Addition of a Member at Large to the Executive Board:

Wendy Crosthwaite expressed an interest in adding a Member at Large to the Executive Board. The purpose would be two-fold: 1) the at-large member would give us the ability to vote if a quorum is not present at a board meeting; and 2) the at-large member could also help the members of the board wherever needed. Danielle Bryan asked how they would be selected and who can be one. Wendy Crosthwaite responded that any active member of the organization would be eligible. Ron Liechti asked if the board would appoint them and what the term would be. Nancy Tillotson suggested that they be elected on the regular cycle, and a 2-year term might be appropriate. Ron Liechti mentioned that there's a Cal Chiefs Board Member at Large. Wendy Crosthwaite will find out if they are elected or appointed and inquire as to their term. They would be present for all board meetings, but would not have a specific function unless there is a need/request. This would require an update to the SOGs and By Laws. The North and South will discuss this with their respective boards.

President Voting:

Wendy Crosthwaite shared that Nancy Tillotson recently pointed out the SOGs say the President does not vote unless it's an executive matter and a tie-breaking vote is needed. The South was not aware of this either. Each section will review the SOG and move forward accordingly.

Meeting adjourned at 0938 hours.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 @ 3:00 PM

2017 AFSS Educational Forum, Majestic Garden Hotel, Anaheim

Recorded by,

Lynda Vargas

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AFSS North, Recording Secretary