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Board of Directors
56th Annual Technical Conference
Hilton Garden Inn
Kalispell, Montana
September 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Brett Saum. The roll was called and two states, Arizona and Alaska, and the city of Seattle, were not present. The elected director from Oregon is retired.

President Saum recognized Jeri Kahana, Hawaii, and Nathan Gardner, Oregon, and appointed them to serve as temporary replacements for the vacant positions from those two states.

Minutes of the Board meeting in Breckenridge, September 16, 2012, were read. The minutes from the meeting at Louisville KY during the NCWM Conference were read and approved. Secretary/Treasurer Greene presented an overview of the financial status of the association which showed the bank balance over \$11,000 and three CD's with funds over \$15,000.

The representative from Oregon announced the details of the meeting to be held in Portland September 2014 were not finalized. A new W&M chief has just been selected and plans are to begin finalizing the arrangements in December 2013. Kevin Merritt, Idaho, talked about the conference to be held in Idaho September 2015. The first choice, Coeur D'Alene will not be available so the site is to be the Grove Hotel in Boise the third week of September.

An invitation to hold the 2016 conference in Hawaii was extended by Jeri Kahana. The vote to accept the invitation was unanimous, though Bob Murnane, Seraphin, said many industry representatives may not be able to attend due to distance and cost.

The use of the funds in the Retiree CD was discussed. At the suggestion of Kurt Floren and consensus of members, it was decided to leave the funds in the CD so as to maintain their identity as retiree funds.

Use of training funds elicited lengthy discussion. Bob Murnane, AMC representative on the board, briefly described the criteria the Associate Member Committee had set up for use of national AMC training grants. He pointed out that the funds were a grant from AMC to WWMA and so were at the sole discretion of WWMA as to how and when to use them. As a result of the discussion, a working group consisting of Jerry Buendel, WA, chair, Kristen Macey, CA, and Mahesh Albuquerque, CO, was set up to devise a protocol for use of the AMC funds in the WWMA treasury and to report recommendations to the WWMA in January 2014 at the NCWM Interim Meetings in Albuquerque.

The use of credit/debit cards by host jurisdictions was discussed. The consensus was to have the host set up a bank account with an advance from the WWMA treasury, and to leave the use of debit cards tied to that account to the discretion of the host. Debit cards tied to the host bank account are found to make financial activities easier for the hosts. The use by host jurisdictions of a debit card tied to the WWMA business checking account was not favored.

Kurt Floren, LA County, reported on the data gathering efforts in California by the California Division of Measurement Standards. The data are required to be reported from each county, since each county is required under California law to have a sealer of weights and measures. A table showing the data for 2011 was distributed. Kurt Floren pointed out that the device testing data show numbers of devices tested and numbers failing, but does not reveal the cause of the failures, whether due to specification or tolerance violations. He suggested that the various states, members of WWMA, begin to report their data relating to inspections of retail motor fuel devices, computing scales, vehicle scales, and retail scanners as a beginning to develop a data base of weighing and measuring inspection results for the western region. In response to his suggestion, President Saum appointed Kurt Floren, LA County, chair; Brett Gurney, Utah; Joe Gomez, New Mexico; Tim Lloyd, Montana; and Kristen Macey, California to develop a plan for implementing a regional report of weights and Measures activities. The group is expected to make its first report at the NCWM Interim Meetings in Albuquerque in January 2014.

Due to the retirement of the present secretary/treasurer, a replacement was appointed. Clark Cooney, Oregon retired, was appointed by unanimous vote of the Board. During the discussion, it was clarified that the hospitality room is not under the aegis of the Secretary/Treasurer, but is the responsibility of the host.

There were brief reports from the conference standing committees. Replacements for absent standing committee appointees were named.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Charles Greene, Secretary/Treasurer