

**MINUTES**

**Board/Staff Present:**

John White, Cris Sanders-Porter, Jef Morgan, Frank Coppa, Bruce Senkow, Scott Leigh, Walter Evans, Toni Bocci, Doug Swanson, Peggy Wilcox.

John White called the meeting to order 11:05 AM

- I. President's Report/Secretary/Treasurer's Report (for the sake of time John will be presenting both for this meeting).
  - Distributed Meeting minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting in Baltimore.
  - Chris Sanders-Porter moved to approve Agenda with Jeff Morgan 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Morgan moves to approve 2012 Meeting minutes with Bruce Senkow 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Doug Swanson invited to introduce himself (the new APEA President)

- He has been in Fairbanks for trainings and making himself available to all at local levels
- Mentions APEA meeting on the past Friday and that he likes the idea of at the Local Level implementing Training Cards and records and thinks this would be good for the SU.
- His meetings in Juneau have been good and that Jeff Morgan is doing a fine job for the SU.
- All is normal in Fairbanks- with not a lot of new business to report.

Bruce Senkow reports that there was a successful community event concerning the Women's Food Boxes for Family's- Reported that even Retired members were involved and this event has been very positive for the community and membership involvement.

White reports that there is a possibility to match 50% for those types of events and that he always thought the Cancer Walk down in Juneau was another good event for membership involvement.

Sanders-Porter reports for Central the Anchorage Heart Walk is always popular with Peggy adding Meals on Wheels is another opportunity.

White says that regionally, all chapters should keep in mind that participation, even in small events, is good for the community.

- Discussion about various events

White reports that the opportunities are always financially allocated for and that regionally, there is support available.

Toni mentions how do we credit/advertise event support, is this an APEA call or SU 4900 event?

- If the support comes from SU then credited to: SU 4900

Toni mentions Labor Day as a good time to kick off support and get SU recognized as Public Employees.

- Sanders-Porter says that all need to come together to help with developing the frequency of meetings.
  - White adds that all chapters need to share with each other information and support of various events.
- White reports that the Merrill Lynch account needed to be rebalanced.
- Sanders ask about leave and sick bank. White informs us that the sick bank is static and that Personnel handle the accounting of use. Currently there is 90k hours available
  - Senko mentions that when it gets down to 50k or so, the benefit amount is re-calculate, to ensure the benefit stays available.
  - Discussion on controlling abuse and making sure the program stays viable. Actual use is minimal but the benefits for those who do need it, the benefit is un-measurable.
- White reports that the Lynch account is 6 weeks in and that Fairbanks is thinking about making the change too.
  - Discussion account details
- White reports that money on hand per Chip is around 100k.
  - Toni mentions that some funds should be used to update the website (Byron).

- White reports that Bylaw Changes are being fine-tuned and we need to get the word out for people to vote on them when finished.
- Swanson reports that APEA will not be compelled to add seats with White's response: No language to do so, just the language for latitude to do so if needed. Example being, for the future, would the SU need to develop a Rural Branch
- Senko reports that GG already has a couple rural sites recognized: Kenai, Kodiak and Bethel and the Bylaw Changes would help us (SU) do the same.
  - Discussion: Sanders, Morgan- the possibility should be revisited and agrees that changes just allow the possibility. White adds that it includes more members that make up the SU, it is a better representation.
- All other Bylaw changes are just clean-up of old language.
- Swanson mentions that after vote the changes go to AFT Legal for final approval.

White ends meeting on AFT Conference is in July and for people to think about sending attendees. Past practice is to send the Board plus 2-3 additional.

- E-Board is 2-3 people per region. Porter mentions that we need to get word out about actual dates.

White mentions financial approval is in place and concludes all discussions.

- II. Scott presented with a congratulation card on retirement to include small gift certificate for recognition of service.
  - Walter is stepping up in place of Scott's absence.
- III. Meeting adjourned, 12:30.