

**Planning Focus Committee
December Quarterly Board
December 10, 2012
Northfield Inn & Suites – Springfield, Illinois**

Present:

Tom Beyers, Acting Chairman
Terry Davis
Aaron Ferguson
David McCormick
Lee Bunting
Roger Jackson
Lonnie Wilson
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Marty McManus, IDOA
Cindy Moon, District Employee
Gina Bean, AISWCD (left early)
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Betty Buckert, ISWCDEA
Colleen Bogner, Auxiliary (arrived late)
Marie Bunting, Auxiliary (arrived late)

Absent:

Judy Beyers, Auxiliary
Van Bitner
Tess Ferguson, Auxiliary
Mike Rahe, IDOA
Darrell Roegge
Dale Shuaker

Tom Beyers called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Terry Davis, seconded by Roger Jackson, to approve the agenda. MCVV

Meeting Minutes from June '12 FAC meeting

A motion was made by Terry Davis, seconded by David McCormick, to approve the minutes of the June 2012 FAC meeting minutes. MCVV

Partner Reports

IDOA – Marty McManus gave the Bureau report. Marty reported Winter Training had good attendance and reported that Laura Sova has taken a position as Division Manager. Marty also reported the Bureau is introducing a cover crop initiative for the next three years. There will be three sites in each region.

NRCS – No report.

Old Business

The 2012 Annual Meeting was discussed. 328 people were registered and there were 307 in attendance. Illinois will receive the award again this year at the NACD Annual Meeting for holding Director Training. The Photo Contest winning entries and Poster Contest winning entries have been submitted to NACD. There were thirty two surveys returned from Summer Conference. On the whole, the comments were positive. Lonnie Wilson commented there were some logistic issues that needed to be addressed. The ticket situation was addressed. The committee felt that perhaps they could have all tickets put in a box, and then have a drawing at the end of the conference.

New Business

Summer Conference - The 2013 Summer Conference was discussed. Sherry Finn reported she has asked for a contract from the Northfield. Rooms will be at the \$70.00 rate. The conference will be held July 22nd and 23rd. The AISWCD is also planning a tour in conjunction with Sangamon County SWCD to do a tour and have a tour bus on the 21st. The AISWCD is also looking into some activity for the evening of the 21st, possibly a walk downtown. Partners have been contacted on sessions. Sherry needs ideas no later than March 1. She needs at least two session ideas from each partner. There will be a partner roundtable hopefully both days, if not, one day. Lonnie Wilson commented he would like to do a Capitol Tour on Tuesday afternoon if enough interest is generated. Kelly Thompson reported she would like to have some sort of rain garden training at the conference. She will check with IEPA to see if they have any money for binders, etc. The committee discussed a theme for the conference. **Lee Bunting made a motion to recommend "Can You Hear Us Now" to the board at Tuesday's meeting as the theme for the 2013 Summer Conference. It was suggested a logo be put on both sides, one depicting dust bowl days, and the other in today's world. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. MCVV.** Other suggestions for sessions for directors included – The Human Resource side of being a district director, personnel evaluations and other HR issues. Terry Davis felt from the feedback on the FOIA training, it was a huge success. Lonnie Wilson suggested somehow the word needs to get out better for contests' for the conference.

Other - Lee Bunting suggested the AISWCD put out something to districts on the new legislative boundaries as soon as possible.

Motion by Lee Bunting to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roger Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes taken and transcribed by:

Cindy Moon

