

Planning Focus Area Committee Minutes

June 11, 2012

Present:

Van Bitner, Chairman

Aaron Ferguson

Darrell Roegge

Lonnie Wilson

Jim Todd (Arrived 1:40)

Sherry Finn, Adm Assist. AISWCD

Jody Christianson, NRCS

David McCormick

Cindy Moon, District Employee

Debra Slade, ISWCDEA Co-Chair

Dean Johnson, ISWCDEA Co-Chair

Marie Bunting, Auxiliary President (Part of meeting)

Colleen Bogner, Auxiliary Member (Part of meeting)

Jody Christianson, NRCS

Mike Rahe, IDOA

Absent:

Judy Byers, Auxiliary Member

Tom Byers

Terry Davis

Tess Ferguson, Auxiliary Member

Debbie Holsapple, District Employee

Marty McManus, IDOA

Chairman Van Bitner called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

Agenda – Van Bitner added Open Meeting Act Training to the agenda. A motion was made by Aaron Ferguson to approve the agenda with addition, seconded by David McCormick. MCVV.

Minutes – Mike Rahe pointed out that area was spelled are in the March 2012 Planning Committee Minutes. Mike Rahe made a motion to approve minutes with correction, with a second by Aaron Ferguson. MCVV.

Partner Reports

IDOA – Mike reported that Deanna Clark, a long time employee at IDOA would be moving to the Bureau of Land and Water Resources as an Office Associate. Everyone will get a chance to meet her at Summer Conference.

Task Force Update

Annual Meeting and Awards Taskforce – Sherry Finn reported there was only one Employee of the Year Award application submitted. Debi Slade said she thought perhaps the award rules should be changed for the Employee of the Year Award so that anyone could nominate the employee, and not just their own district. She felt perhaps the award application should be revamped also. Cindy reported the application had originally been patterned to have information for the Regional and National Awards, should ISWCDEA choose to send the award on to a higher level, but to her knowledge in the past this was seldom done in Illinois. There are four Farm Family applications, which will be judged by partners and non-participating districts. Nine McKibbin Scholarship applications have been submitted, and one Forestry Award application. The AISWCD has a sponsor but no submissions for Teacher of the Year Award. Sherry Finn is going to ask the Audubon Society, who was the sponsor of the Teacher of Year Award, if they would like to make a general donation or possibly donate for the poster or photo contest.

So far, Sherry has 64 voting delegate forms turned in, but only 57 are from districts in good standing. Twelve director service award names have been sent in, and 19 districts have sent in registration.

Pam from the Northfield Inn will meet with Sherry Finn and Mike Rahe to go over last minute details, and needs for computer equipment, etc.

Sherry Finn will meet with Jody Christianson who is going to be the photographer for all sessions both days at a later date.

Sherry Finn will put together a evaluation survey for people to fill out at the meeting. Everyone who is registered will receive an evaluation form.

Marie Bunting said there had been a tie with the 2nd-3rd grade division posters, and ask the committee to vote on their favorite.

Debra Slade mentioned the 50/50 Raffle, and told committee members she had tickets to sell at the meeting.

Cindy Moon reported she had a spreadsheet for volunteers. After more registrations are in, she will talk with Sherry about session volunteers, so they are able to pick someone going to a specific session to take the tickets.

Lonnie Wilson reported that legislation had not been passed to allow for a group certification on the Open Meetings Act. He would like to get around 20 people to volunteer their laptops and their time for “individual assistance” in helping with one on one training for individual certification. The certificates would have to be put on a thumb drive and then all printed off after the training. IDOA would have a laptop and projector screen in the room and Lonnie would lead the training. This will all have to be worked out between now and Summer Conference.

Old Business

Strategic Planning Goals – Lonnie reported the group had not met. They need to set up a time to meet.

Media Blast – This has been postponed. Rich Nichols and Lonnie Wilson have discussed this. They were waiting on the Gaming Bill to pass. Rich and Lonnie will be discussing this later in the day.

Sam’s Club Participation at Summer Conference – Sherry Finn reported Sam’s Club will have a table set up at Summer Conference. She asked them about a giveaway prize, and they only give a maximum of a \$50 gift certificate. She has applied for this.

New Business

FY 2013 AISWCD Annual Meeting Date/Location – Van reported this was going to wait until after this year’s Summer Conference, to see how everyone likes the Northfield Inn.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Cindy Moon

Approved by:

Signature

Date