

**Planning Focus Area Committee
March Quarterly Board
March 3, 2016
Northfield Inn & Suites – Springfield, Illinois**

Present:

Gina Bean: AISWCD
Van Bitner: Chairperson
David McCormick: Director
Marty McManus: IDOA (on phone)
Dale Shumaker: Director
Tim Royer: AISWCD (minute recorder)
Thad Eshleman: ISWCDEA
Kelly Thompson: AISWCD
Roger Johnson: Director
Sheryl Phillips: AISWCD

Absent:

Judy Beyers: Auxiliary Member
Tom Beyers: Director
Colleen Bogner: Auxiliary Member
Marie Bunting: Auxiliary Member
Jody Christiansen: NRCS
Terry Davis: Director
Steve Fulling: Director
Cindy Moon: McDonough County SWCD

Van Bitner called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with a motion by Roger Johnson, seconded by Dale Shumaker. MCVV.

Meeting Minutes from December Quarterly Board

A motion was made by David McCormick, seconded by Roger Johnson, to approve the minutes of the December 2015 Quarterly Board Meeting. MCVV

Approval of February 2016 Annual Meeting Taskforce Minutes

A motion was made by David McCormick, seconded by Dale Shumaker, to approve the minutes of the February 2016 annual meeting Taskforce. MCVV

Old Business

A letter was sent to the Governor's office asking for sponsorship for 2016, 2017, and 2018

New Business

Annual Meeting Taskforce Call Update

Van Bitner described the logo option that was chosen on the Annual Meeting Taskforce call. He also discussed that lunch costs will not be included in the registration cost and that registration and meal payments will be done as before. He discussed the fact that Opening Ceremony has become similar to the partner reports at the Annual Meeting and that this year there will be District spotlights from positive items they have been working on during the Opening Ceremony. Kelly Thompson is checking with Paul Rice to see if he is interested in being the auctioneer again this year.

Sessions:

AISWCD is working on providing a large Director Training session as well as the normal Director Training session. The larger session would consist of three parts:

1. over view of director training and reinforcing items that districts deal with daily.
2. What's Your Plan? – This would focus on districts plans for a federal shut down, state shut down, districts losing employees, etc.
3. AISWCD will ask if the IDOA legal counsel can come and answer questions much like he did at the ISWCDEA Winter Training.

ISWCDEA is working on employee training to take place on Tuesday. They will not have sessions on Monday.

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IDOA is working on Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and Cover Crop sessions.

Auction:

Gina Bean is still looking into the Glenwood High School Show Choir as auction entertainment. The group asked that whatever the entertainment is that it be upbeat to get the attendees excited to be there. If the show choir does not work they would like to look into a barbershop quartet. Van Bitner asked the other Directors in the room to be sure they are trying to secure large items for the live auction. He will ask around again this year, but feels some that gave last year will not give again this year.

Sunday Tour:

Gina Bean has been in contact with the Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg and they have the group penciled in for the tour. She also visited the other winery in Petersburg. That winery is more calm but they do not grow the grapes at that location so a tour could not be done. There is a bus company that will cost \$75/hour. Once details are worked out, the bus will be booked so that the group can use the bus and the AISWCD van for transportation that day.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 AM.

Minutes taken and transcribed by: Tim Royer