

NASP Board Conference Call  
March 21, 2008

**Call to order:**

Meeting *for Friends of NASP* at 1:00 pm (Alaska Time) *(2 pm Washington State time zone)*

Call to order at 1:07 AST

Roll call: Mateo Arteaga, Neil McFarlane, Traci Birdsell, Rene McKenzie, Lois Rasmussen, Odila Rueda, Kato Ha'unga, Phillip Dirks, Karen McKinney

Approval of minutes: These minutes need to be approved at the board meeting in November. Mateo suggested that we do not approve these minutes until that time. Mateo wanted to recognize Barb and her counterparts at the fall 2008 conference. Everyone agreed. A plaque was suggested as a possible gift.

**Old Business**

There was a motion to approve the FON budget by Kato and Lois Rasmussen seconded. Motion passed.

Phillip suggested that FON might want to advertise to upcoming UB summer programs. Lois suggested Barb could send a reminder out to the NASP listserv. The board talked about how FON is online and accepts credit cards. A link exists to FON is on the NASP website.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 AST.

## Close out FON meeting and have a NASP Board meeting

NASP Board Meeting called to order at 1:20 AST.

Roll Call: Mateo Arteaga, Neil McFarlane, Traci Birdsell, Rene McKenzie, Lois Rasmussen, Odila Rueda, Kato Ha'unga, Phillip Dirks, Karen McKinney

Approval of the minutes Feb. 15, 2008: Lois moved that we accept minutes as presented. Kato seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

**Old Business**

**Online Voting** – Phillip mentioned that he had utilized SurveyMonkey.com and it was an easy program to use. Traci and Lois had experienced it as well. Phillip suggested that we do use Joe's expertise to move forward with the online voting. Mateo will work with Scott and Joe to get the voting up. Nominations would open up the first week in April and be it open for two weeks. Voting could then take place the third week in April.

There was discussion about how long to keep the nominations open. Phillip mentioned that we need to create policy on how to perform the online voting. The policy manual needs to be updated on the NASP website. It is an older version at this time. Lois is going to send the updated policy manual out. This version included the December 2007 update of the bylaws. Mateo asked Phillip to review the online voting policy. There may already be online voting policy for board voting.

**FON:** Barb Brodsky joined the meeting at 1:30 AST. She said that there is a larger budgeted amount in August to handle the increased demand that month. Phillip mentioned to her that she may want to advertise to the UB Summer projects. She has updated items and will get the pictures on the website. Rene asked if there were any alumni items because she was going to be hosting an alumni event. Barb said that she could put the scholarship winners on the FON website. Phillip suggested that an awards committee be created for all the awards that will now take place at one conference. Lois suggested that the conference have an option for school-age participants while they are at the conference. Rene mentioned that the feedback from the Sunday evening program was mixed. Lois wondered if we could expand the TRIO Achiever's Luncheon and include the other awards at that same time. FON's fiscal year is November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Barb will check the bylaws to see if we can change the fiscal year to be in line with the calendar year. Mateo also wanted Lois to check on the tax filing status of FON. Barb exited the meeting at 1:49 AST.

**2008 Conference chair Traci and Jackie:** Traci sent out questions to listserv requesting feedback on last conference and ideas for the next. Dely has given her a suggested timetable.

**Policy Seminar:** Kato asked if Alaska Alumni could be reimbursed by the amount allocated to the state (The state president can cover alumni costs for policy seminar). Kato said that there was a line item that did cover general costs for policy seminar. Rene asked how to access state money. Lois said she could send her an email with her budget questions. Lois will be getting the NASP reimbursements out soon.

**Update on Grant writing workshop for SSS- Neil and Rene:** Rene has information from Kathy McNeil that she cannot lead the workshop. Neil and Rene will talk and get back to the board with suggestions and updates.

Rene is going to send out an email about scholarships to the group now that there is only one conference per year. Rene wondered if we needed a small committee. Neil, Julia, and Barb may be able to help.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lois reported the following information:

The NASP bank balance 2/29/08 is \$58,749.35  
Scudder Balance 2/29/08 \$30,115.87  
Fall Conference Income \$70,150.00  
Total Expenses: \$31,836.92

Fall Conference Profit: \$38,313.08

### **New Business**

Summer meeting- Mateo gave the following information: The meeting will begin August 13 starting at 10 a.m. and will end on August 14 at 6 p.m. (or sooner). The strategic plan is on the NASP webpage and we need to review before the meeting so we can have Phillip and others lead this discussion. Lois can come prepared to do reimbursements at the meeting. Phillip was asked if he could check on the University Place prices. Mateo will contact the Marriott and see what they can do for a block rate. Mateo will put together an agenda with the list of items and need to be accomplished.

Traci asked if someone was able to take minutes at the next meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Rene said that she would be able to do that if she is around.

Rene asked about Fair Share. Mateo said donations can be made online. Meredyth Goodwin will be sending out an email on the listserv. Phillip suggested that each state has a Fair Share chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 AST.