

**MINNESOTA LAND OF LAKES SWANA CHAPTER  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 25, 2008**

Conference call.

President Jason Haus called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

PRESENT: Brad Hanzel, Jason Haus, Steve Steuber, Gary Bruns, Kathy Osborne, Curt Hoffman, Michael Reed, Dave Lucas, Kathy Holland Hanson, and Don Chapdelaine.

EXCUSED: Dan Costello, Doug Morris, John Lloyd, Tom Halbach, and Ryan Tritz.

MINUTES: There was not any discussion of the minutes from the last meeting.

CONFERENCE UPDATE: Jason said the RAM/SWANA Conference is all ready to go for this year. Registration can be done online and Jason asked that all SWANA members register online, thus reducing the need for paper registrations. Unlike past years, parking is not included in the cost of conference. We have reserved a number of parking spaces but car pooling is encouraged. Kathy O. noted that several SWANA members have volunteered to be moderators for the conference. Curt noted that the conference's silent auction is moving along and there was some discussion on where the contributors should ship the donated auction items before the conference. Jason said to tell the contributors to ship the auction items to him. Curt said that Kathy HH is his back-up for the silent auction since he may not be there because his wife is pregnant and due November 2nd. There was discussion on setting up the silent auction in the morning of the November 5<sup>th</sup>. Michael wondered if there are any concerns about security for the auction items that first night. The Board discussed if we should wait until the morning of November 6<sup>th</sup> to put out the auction items but there was not a final decision made on this issue.

Jason asked for a vote for local SWANA members to be able to attend the RAM/SWANA annual meeting at no cost. Steve made the motion and was seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD UPDATE: Gary requested approval to send him to the International Board meeting in Tampa, Florida. He asked for an amount not to exceed \$1,400 to cover expenses. Gary explained that this is more than past years since air fare has increased. In addition, SWANA kind of expects IB members to attend Wastecon as well so he would need to stay extra nights in a hotel. Jason made a motion to give Gary up to \$1,400 to cover expenses. The motion was seconded by Michael. Motion passed. Gary noted that National recently approved a policy that local chapters not host an event within a 600 mile radius six months before and three months after Wastecon. Gary told the Board that a new SWANA chapter was formed in Puerto Rico. National has said that Wastecon Tampa has exceeded all expatiations with registered attendees and exhibitors. National is projecting revenue of \$250,000 for 2008.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Don initiated discussion on investing the Chapter's CDs. Don suggested rolling them over for five months but asked if the Board wants to search other banks for better rates?

A second question was asked if we should authorize the Finance Committee to make this decision or have a Board vote.

Gary suggested we review this at the time of maturity and let the Finance Committee handle the research for the best rates. Jason thought we needed a motion for this. Don made the motion that the Finance Committee can review renewals of CDs based on the best interest rate. There was second by Dave. Motion carried.

Don said that National is looking for loans from the local Chapters. They are offering 5% annual interest compounded quarterly, for a 5 year term. The Chapter may call in the loan after two

years but it must give up 6 months interest prior to the call in date. Right now the Chapter has a loan to National of approximately \$7, 500 coming due. Gary made a motion to renew this loan. There was a second by Michael. Motion carried.

BOARD ELECTIONS: Jason informed the group that Gary, Brad, Tom, Curt, Kathy O, Kathy HH, Ryan, and Dave are up for reappointment to the Board and that a ballot needs to be put together listing the nominees. Jason said that he could put together the ballot since he is not up for reappointment and that anyone who wants to run again, needs to send him an e-mail indicating their interest in being reappointed along with a personal bio, no later than October 2nd. According to the Boards bylaws, the ballot must go by October 5th in order to make the 30 day deadline before the annual meeting on November 5th. Kathy HH said she is not seeking to be reappointed to the Board because of upcoming demands at work in 2009. Also send to Jason, along with their personal bio, anyone you know that may be interested in being nominated to the Board. Michael suggested that we send a notice out to all members about being a Board member. Another idea was to have Rick Pearson send out an e-mail to his list for nominations but it was also noted that any candidate must be a SWANA member.

ADJORNMENT: There was a motion by Don to adjourn the meeting. Kathy O. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectively submitted,

Steve Steuber  
Secretary