

NEFA RCM REPORT (Acting)

Wed 12/28/16

I attended the last Regional meeting of 2016 on Dec 10th in Salisbury, MD, sponsored by Ocean Gateway. There were 7 out of 10 areas present. All reports are on line. These are the highlights:

REGIONAL POLICY: Ad hoc group: Policy was accepted, with a small list of outstanding items. The Draft is on FSR website. NOTE it's the new one: www.Freestatena.org The old website will come down soon. New binders will be handed out in Feb, but Policy is effective as of Jan 2017.

RD/RDA: Dee & Kristy: A verbal motion to allow RD & RDA stay an extra day at the Zonal forum (in New England) instead of leaving in the evening & driving home. The RDA has stepped down due to unforeseen family matters.

** OPEN position: RDA. We have a nominee but the motion to vote her in was tabled in case someone within the region is interested. If so, please show up at FEB Regional (not Jan, as we do not make decisions on off months).

FSRCNA (Freestate Convention): Cindy said Convention went well, in spite of the news just prior to the event of the misappropriation of funds. Repayment agreement will be put into action soon. Accountant already found approx. \$2900 in accounting errors, outside of the misappropriation of funds. There will be a review of 2015 & 2016. The convention prudent reserve is \$15k & they are only starting off with \$7k. Hotel commitment is through 2019. Must have food & beverage in order to get the free space. Next year is the 25th anniversary. There are 2 seats on the board (1 person stepped down immediately after the convention). Please see requirements if you are interested.

WHEEL: NEFA will be PROGRAMMING for upcoming year

FINANCIALS: May be a little late due to this situation.

POLICY: we cannot find where it is due by 60 days of the convention. We believe it was a general practice for a time-frame. It IS in policy that they give Region a financial report.

WEB ADMINISTRATOR: Linda did a nice presentation of the new website being developed. Please go to www.Freestatena.org & take a look. We discussed a lot of issues. We agreed to pay \$4 more for our domain per month for hosting fees for a new company with unlimited plan. See her report. She says she has not heard from any of the Areas web administrators about what they want on the Regional website. I advised her that we just want a link to ours. It was encouraged to have a Regional calendar of events from EACH Area so that at any given day a person can click on the Regional calendar & see what is going on. She will not pull them from each Area, it is up to our Special Events to report it to Region in order to go on the Regional Website.

SERVICE CENTER: Jeff gave a report & noted times off for the holidays (Mon after new year). Traditions Workbook is selling well. Discussion & documents from one of our Subcommittee chairs has been addressed.

MOTION:

To vote in a new RDA: Trish: 13 years, has regional experience as RCM & meets qualifications to be RDA.

TABLED: Several RCMs wanted to put this back out to the Areas in case someone wants to run

In doing so, this means we would not have an RDA until Feb Regional & none at MARLCNA & Zonal, so the Regional Chair can APPOINT someone to fill in as RDA for now & he appointed Trish. If someone is interested, please come to Feb Regional to be nominated.

NOTE: Other motions:

Regional policy approved: Was a verbal motion & does not require a written one. Unanimous

RD & RDA approved to stay until the following day after Zonal instead of driving home same day. Verbal motion & unanimous.

NOTE: **NEXT Regional is SAT FEB 4th** due to MARLCNA. It is sponsored by Small Wonder. There are no flyers but will be given to the Regional web administrator & posted soon. Next off month: 1/14/16 from 10-12:00 **I plan to go to both.**

EXPENSE: I am only asking for gas money & tolls from this regional in Salisbury. It is the only one I ask for reimbursement. Otherwise, it's out of my own pocket. Gas receipt \$32. It's approx 120 miles each way. Tolls: \$3 each way on the tunnel (we have an Easy Pass) & \$4 for Bay Bridge.

FLYERS: Since there are only 2 & I am just giving them to our secretary & web administrator to be posted. I made copies of this report on my own PC since I did not go to the Office Depot. I will pay for my own ink.

New Year's Eve Party: Delmarva: Sat 12/31/16 at Georgetown, DE.

St Patrick's Day Dance: Northwest Area: Fri 3/17/17 at Finksburg, MD

Regional: 2/4/17 Small Wonder Area

In service,

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