

RCM Report to NEFA

DEC 17, 2014

Becky went to off month regional & we both went to on month this past Saturday, 12-13-14 hosted by NEFA. Thank you to the Special Events committee for helping out all day. Becky had her report but will not have it to NEFA until next month. Below is my report from full Regional. Because it only gave me a few days to get this together, it is short.

Areas attended: 9 out of 10

Subcommittees: See reports on line at

Freestate Regional Convention: 865 registrations & 215 newcomer packets. Full financial report will be to FSR within 90 days, per policy. There are still 3 open seats on this board & 3 more after event.

RD & RDA Reports: RD in for surgery, so not present but report provided. RDA addressed FIPT (copy right concerns previously mentioned) & that she will ask World's contact, Steve Rush, to cc our RD & RDA whenever they send emails to one of the 10 Areas. The email that was sent to NEFA's executive board about taking down the copyrighted info on NEFA's website never got a response from NEFA. RDA states that World could take all people on that email to court. NEFA's webmaster stopped by at the end of Region & I asked him to speak on this a bit. He explained that there is no legal repercussions to worry about; Region feels otherwise.

RCM Reports: See reports on line at

Delmarva: Because of their theft of funds, they have implemented new policy which states that bank statements must go to someone other than the treasurer, as per suggestion from World. This was brought up at NEFA & never discussed. **I encourage GSRs to consider this.**

NEFA: I brought up your concerns about the voting tally & "simple majority". Basically, FSR policy goes like this: FSR Policy, Guide to local service (GTLs), & Robert's rules of order. FSR Policy states that we do not count abstentions in quorum; therefore the 4/2/3 vote passed because the voting count total was 6, not 9. NEFA's goes: NEFA, GTLS, Robert's rules. NEFA does not have something in our policy which states we do not count abstentions in quorum & therefore, per Robert's rules: "abstentions are recognized as part of a quorum". So, they are counted. This is why the 14/14/2 did not meet a simple majority, which is why that motion failed.

MOTIONS: Our printer is down so I do not have copies of the actual wording for each motion.

OLD BIZ:

Elections: We need a webmaster. Louie has moved out of state. This is a paid position (approx. \$400 per year). Irv (Susquehanna RCM) was nominated. His qualifications include several certificates & degrees in I.T., web design & communications. He assured us he is willing to serve & will only work in the boundaries we ask.

VOTE: 8 FOR / 0 ag. / 1 ab: Irv didn't vote for himself but he could have.

Irv will be our new webmaster & we are quite excited, as he has many great ideas & has long served FSR.

Motion: RDA to go to all functions that RD attends (not word-for-word)

This was questioned by Becky at off month, per NEFA's question & she had the financial impact. Per minutes on line: in 2014, \$4300 was spent to send RD & RDA to various functions.

VOTE: 7 FOR/ 0 Ag/ 2 Ab. Motion passed.

I had to abstain because I didn't get your answer back to you. Please keep this in mind when you send for questions, it means I cannot vote until you have your answer.

NEW BIZ:

Motion: To create policy which states that all convention board members, including regional convention liaison limit board membership to a maximum of 5 consecutive years and cannot serve again for 1 year.

This is actually already a motion voted in years ago & we are only adding the liaison to it. This motion is missing from FSR policy, so we worded it in its entirety. The Region agreed that if someone has been on the FSRC board for 5 years, they should not move over to the liaison position, thus basically staying on the convention committee. The spirit of rotation is needed.

VOTE: 9 FOR/ 0 / 0 Motion passed.

Motion: To refund NEFA for \$26.61 over budget for hosting Regional today. **VOTE:** 9 FOR / 0/ 0 Motion passed.

Motion: In case Regional printer/scanner breaks, a replacement of similar value be purchased by the treasurer. **VOTE:** 9 FOR/ 0 / 0 Motion passed. This is a POLICY CHANGE.

Motion: Purchase a new overhead projector. Ours broke. **VOTE:** 9 FOR / 0/ 0 Motion passed.

ACTIVITIES: I put a small pile of these on the table but did not make my normal HUGE copy pile because I had no time to get to Office Depot to print them all. Please go on line & get copy if you can.

BALTO: Marathon MTG & Dance: Sat 1/3: Penn-North Comm. Bldg. 1610 N Carey St. NOON-8 pm \$3.00

NW: Next FSR MTG: Sat: 2/14: Finksburg, MD

NW: Prom thru the Decades: 2/21: Reisterstown UMC: 8-12 pm \$10

EOB: Sweet Treat Bake-off: 2/21: Centreville, MD Fellowship, games, music, food.

CPRCNA XXIX: April 17 - 19: Ocean City, MD

In service ... even on holidays! ☺

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