



## WESTERN RC&D ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 23, 2007

8:30 am - 11:45 am Recess  
Reconvened 1:00 p.m. for election vote

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**Call to Order:** at 8:30 am in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The meeting is called to order by President Joe Leichtnam. Nellie Zion gave housekeeping items, expressed the need for voting letters and asked for a runner to assist when motions are made, Paul Calverley from Idaho volunteered to help in this matter.

**Agenda:** The agenda placed on the two side screens for the voting body to see. Roger Bower from Big Horn Basin Wyoming RC&D Kirby, Wyoming made the motion *to accept the agenda* and Harold Anderson, San Louis Valley RC&D in Alamosa Colorado seconded. Motion passed.

**Attendance:** Voting roll call was taken by secretary Nellie Zion. There are 37 voting delegates present. She announced that we do have a quorum present to conduct business. Voting will be vocal until voting delegate cards are finalized to match the councils present then votes will be by a show of delegate's card.

**Approval of minutes:** Nellie presented last years minutes. Changes were given and noted. *A motion to approve the minutes as amended* was made by Clel L Flake from Coronado RC&D, Wilcox, Arizona and Morris Huffman from West Central Highlands RC&D, Emmet, Idaho. Seconded and motion passed.

Joe introduced the current board of directors and Sharon Ruggi-President NARC&DC and thanked her for attending.

**Committee Reports:** Joe Leichtnam, noted that the committees meet during the conference on Monday afternoon in place of Sunday afternoon. Each committee chair or their representative will give a report and follow up with a written report for the records.

**Bylaws, Policy and Procedures:** Robert Perry, gave a report that a letter had been received from the state of Nevada to secede from the region and join Pacific Rim's Region. As a board, we could not act on the request due to the lack of by-laws addressing this and that national does not have policy in place either. The committee stated that changes would need to be made to accommodate this change.

#### Regarding By-laws

Pat Snook from Badlands RC&D, Martin, South Dakota made the motion to approve *the By-law amendments as presented by the committee to change Article 2- to delete Nevada and Article 6 - to change eleven to ten*. Linda Fleming from Historic Trails RC&D, Rawlins Wyoming seconded, motion passed.

#### Regarding Policy and Procedures

Due to the internet use the committee suggested changes regarding the newsletter. Roger Bower from Big Horn Basin Wyoming RC&D Kirby, Wyoming made the motion that: *The Western RC&D newsletter will be posted on the Western RC&D web page. The president or delegated officer will provide a State of the Association update each quarter and RC&D Councils are responsible to submit success stories and articles to the web master*. Seconded by Morris Huffman from West Central Highlands RC&D in Emmet, Idaho. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding the State of Nevada and the request for the National President to respond prompted National President, Sharon Ruggi to state that it was not a policy of National to get involved with regional business regarding removal or state transfers.

Articles of Incorporation (Notification to the Western Board that this amendment to the Articles of Incorporation will be brought before the general meeting in 2008)

*Amend Articles of Incorporation Article III, Membership, line 2. - change eleven to ten, and on line 3, delete Nevada.*

Motion was presented by Clyde Hanson from Clearwater RC&D, Moscow Idaho and seconded by Doug Graupe, Williston Basin, Williston North Dakota.

**Audit:** Rex Winter Armour, South Dakota, chair and vice chair Richard Knopp. Rex would like to change titles naming Richard Knopp from Dakota West RC&D, Dickinson North Dakota to be the new audit chair for next year and Rex will be the vice chair. Rex reported that all records were found to be in compliance and noted that an additional budget line item was needed for the benefit of the committee.

(Nellie handed out the voting cards to match the delegates that are present and card counts will now be used.)

**Energy & Drought:** Roger Bower from Big Horn Basin Wyoming RC&D Kirby, Wyoming acting chair Reported 22 people in attendance and reiterated the need to keep this committee active, as energy is very important and effects all states.

**Site Selection:** Bruce Kroetch

State Rotation: SD- 2009, AZ-2010, ID-2011, UT-2012, MT-2013, CO-2014, WY-2015, NE-2016, ND-2017, NM-2018

Roger Bower Big Horn Basin, Riverton Wyoming, *moved to accept site selection committees report*, seconded by Clel Flake Coronado Arizona. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Bruce Kroetch

60 associate members paid cost is \$10.00 with lapel pin.

Bruce presented his report; see attached,

Bruce gave information on the Non Profit training that Utah will host in May. This is the same training held in South Dakota last year and is in high demand. The western board would like to offer a scholarship to council members to attend this training to help offset the cost and Utah NRCS is offering cost support as well. The budget has set aside up to \$8500 to send members to this particular training.

Roger Bower, Big Horn Basin, Riverton Wyoming made that motion *to approve the treasures report and budget*. Seconded by Dave Johnson from Panhandle Lakes Idaho. Motion passed

**Awards:** Joe Leichtnam

8 people in were in attendance. We had new states that participated. The Western web site will have the new changes posted. The award forms will be posted on line and the committee is going to purse having them be pdf forms easier to be submitted on line, more information will be made available.

**Nominating:** Bruce Kroetch

Roger Bower moved *to direct the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Suize Kline from Northern Plains RC&D Devils Lake, North Dakota for Treasure*. Seconded by Richard Knopp Jr. Dakota West RC&D, North Dakota. Motion passed.

Letters of intent have been received for 1st Vice President from Nels Werner, Castlelands RC&D, Huntington Utah and Dorothy Schmidt Cocopai RC&D Flagstaff, Arizona.

Nomination from the floor, Marvin Carter, Montana for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as a write in candidate. It was noted that voting for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President would be after lunch. Speeches from the election candidates would be presented at the awards luncheon.

**Endowments:** Nels Werner-no report

**Conference in Colorado:** Gary Ensign East Central RC&D, Hugo Colorado Chairperson of the league's committee to host conference reported.

Attendance as:

AZ-8, CO-36,DC-1,ID-14,MT-3,ND-30,NE-6,NM-11,SD-16,UT-4,WY-12 = 141.

8 guest registrations. Total 149.

Several registrations canceled due to the weather.

**Quality Assurance:** Dorothy Schmidt, Cocopai RC&D Flagstaff, Arizona volunteered to serve as the chairman of the quality assurance committee. Ken Rudeen resigned from the position. Joe thanked Ken Rudeen for his work on the Quality Assurance committee.

Meeting recessed at 11:45 am until after lunch, reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. - At or before 1:30 p.m. depending on delegate return from lunch.

Nellie requested one representative for each nominee to help count ballots. Roger Bower, Harold Anderson and Bruce Kroetch gave assistance.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Elected Nels Werner from Castlelands RC&D, Huntington Utah.

Voting ballots will be archived.

### **New Business**

National Leadership Forum in Washington DC February 25-28 2007. Invite staffers from congress to attend the Wednesday breakfast.

Joe thanked Bruce Kroetch for his many years as Treasure for the Western Region Association.

*Motion to adjourn* by Richard Johnson, Adelante RC&D New Mexico  
Seconded by J.Agapio eCandearia, Northern Rio Grande New Mexico.  
Passed

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectively  
Western Secretary

Nellie Zion



