



# SORA Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2019

2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

**Board Roll Call:** President Region 6 **Matt Pace** (OK), At Large *Vacant*, Region 8 **Chuck Cousino** (CO), Region 1/Treasurer **Amanda Clark** (CT), Region 10/Secretary **Jeremy Simmons** (WA), Region 2 *Vacant*, Region 3 **Travis Sterner** (MD), Region 4 **Steven Berkowitz** (NC), Region 5 **Mike Mettler** (IN), Region 7 **Eric Folks** (MO), Region 9 **Chris Edwards** (KY), Tribal **Michael Bolt** (NC Cherokee), Canadian **Provinces Derek Smith** (Manitoba).

**Invited Guests:** **Dick Bachelder** (COI Rep.), **Sheryl Ervin** (COI Rep. back-up), **Ed Corriveau** (Retirees), **Ann D'Alfonso** (KS)

Green = Present

Red = Absent

1. Review/edit meeting agenda
2. Approval of September meeting minutes

**Motion to approve September minutes with changes noted: Matt Pace**

**Seconded: Chuck Cousino**

3. Executive Committee Reports

- a. Presidents report: (Matt)

- i. Officer elections and board replacements

**Discussion:** review officer election procedures since we will be doing this at the business meeting.

- b. Treasurers Report (Amanda)

Amanda reports -2020 budget is prepared. Recommend using federal per diem rate for President's per diem reimbursement.

**Motion to send \$264 check to Matt Pace for NOWRA costs**

**Seconded: Steven Berkowitz**

**None opposed**



## Passes

Increased Awards budget from \$100 to \$300.

Finalized 2019 income.

\$8686 in checking

\$21,150 in savings

Discussion: should we consider covering Board members' conference registration fees? We could/should consider having an open conversation with the members at the business meeting.

### c. Secretary Report (Jeremy)

Rolled out combined COI-Regulator listserv

Changed permissions for nonvoting members to read only (if they write to the list it will be sent to the listserv moderator for approval)

Member list is late. Jeremy will get the Word version out asap.

## 4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Chris) –No report Discussion: Conversation has happened with representatives from 10 counties in Texas. They want to join as a group. Discussion continues.

### b. Conference Planning (Chuck)

Last planning meeting this Thursday. Meeting rooms and meals figured out. Do we need tickets for the SORA mixer? It would be a good idea. We'll plan to do that.

## 5. COI Report (Dick)

Dick reports –it was a good decision to hold off on advance billing to COIs for sponsorship at the conference.

## 6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Ann) –No report

b. Retirees (Ed) –No report

c. Policy (Chuck) –Committee not active



7. New Business:

a. Strategic plan review

Discussion: USDA is planning to release new funds through the 502 & 504 loans in North Carolina. This may be happening in other places too.

8. Old Business:

9. Action Item Review:

10. Adjourn

**Adjourned (no motion)**

**Future Meeting Dates for 2019 (First Tuesday of each month):** October 13, 2019; November 5, 2019; December 3, 2019. All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.