SORA Board Meeting Minutes July 2021   
Tue, Jul 6, 2021 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CDT)

**Board Roll Call:**

Region 1/Treasurer: Amanda Clark (CT), Region 2: Stephen Marshall (NY),

Region 3: Travis Sterner (MD), Region 4: Chris Edwards (KY), President/Region 5: Mike Mettler (IN),

Region 6/Secretary, Past President: Matt Pace (OK), Region 7: Eric Folks (MO)

Region 8: Chuck Cousino (CO), Region 9: *Vacant*, Region 10/ Past President: Jeremy Simmons (WA), At Large: Marcia Degen (VA), Tribal: Michael Bolt (NC Cherokee), Canadian Provinces: Derek Smith (Manitoba)

**Invited Guests:** Dick Bachelder (COI Rep.), Sheryl Ervin (COI Rep. back-up), Mary Clark (Retirees), Ann D’Alfonso (KS) Michael Broussard (NM), Dave Cotton (MI), Dale Ladouceur (MI)

Green=present; Red=absent

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

*Motion to approve the meeting minutes for June: Marcia D.; Second: Chuck C.; voice vote*

***Motion approved***

1. Executive Committee Reports
   1. President’s report: (Chris)
      1. Region 7 Board representative replacement welcome Eric Folks
      2. The President-elect for 2023

*Travis S. was nominated and accepted the role of President-Elect for the 2022 year, and serving as President for the 2023 year.*

* + 1. SORA/NOWRA Conf. MOU Agreement – vote

*Motion to accept the agreement between NOWRA and SORA for the 2022 Mega-Conference: Chuck C.; Second: Mike M.; voice vote*

***Motion approved***

* + 1. Discuss request from NOWRA for additional data/ OWTS map per state

*Board discussion and review of existing map; it was decided that SORA would notify NOWRA that the data had not significantly changed since the previous survey.*

*Chuck C. will notify NOWRA*

* + 1. Prior items that required a vote, but no quorum at the last meeting

*Motion to approve the meeting minutes for May: Chuck C.; Second: Marcia D.; voice vote*

***Motion approved***

*Motion to appoint Michael B. as Board Representative for Region 9: Chuck C.; Second: Matt P.; voice vote.*

***Motion approved***

* + 1. Survey results from Conference committee

*Pushed to Conference Committee update*

* + 1. Recognition of Russ Martin

*Chris E. will include a dedication to Russ Martin in the president’s remarks at the annual business meeting.*

Treasurer’s Report (Amanda);

* + 1. Passdown update with Michael

*Michael noted that he and Amanda met last week to discuss the Treasurer’s duties and transition. Once a new financial institution is selected then the full transition could take place.*

* 1. Secretary’s Report (Matt);

*Documents needed by Ann D. were sent by Matt.; website has been updated.*

1. Standing Committee Reports:
   1. Membership (Dave);

*Dave C. reported that he, Dale L., and Jeremy S. had met. During the meeting they reviewed the bylaws, discussed priorities as a committee, and process for working with the Treasurer.*

*Michael B. suggested a meeting next week (July 13, 1:30 pm CST) that will include Michael B., Dave C., Dale L., Jeremy S., Dick B., and Matt P. (Matt to arrange).*

* 1. Conference Planning (Chuck);

*Chuck C. discussed that the committee would be meeting tomorrow (July 7); survey results indicated that the conference may not be well attended (around 9 said they would be there for certain and around 10 were uncertain).*

* 1. Strategic Planning (Travis)

*Travis S. sent emails to Mary C. and Nick (?) to get feedback, and has not heard anything yet. Under consideration is to either generate a “cliff notes” version of changes occurring to the strategic plan or do away with the existing plan and create a new one.*

1. COI Report (Dick);
   1. *Dick B. mentioned that he would provide additional information to the meeting tomorrow. He also requested an updated list of current COIs.*
2. Ad hoc Committee Reports:
   1. Website (Ann/Jeremy)

*No report given.*

* 1. Retirees (Mary);

*No report given.*

* 1. Policy (Chuck);

*No report given.*

1. New Business:

*No new business discussed.*

1. Action Item Review:
2. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn meeting: Travis S.; Second: Stephen M.; voice vote*

***Meeting adjourned***

**Future Meeting Dates for 2021 (First Tuesday of each month):** All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.