



## **NDYP Board Meeting**

November 9, 2010

Present: Jennifer Dobrowski, Amanda Lynn Moser, Catherine Dalzell, Krissy Sparks, Aaron Hill, Rhonda Jensen, Brianna Strahm, Kayla Effertz, Justin Dever, Brandi Pelham, Chris Schilken, Kausha Bakk (on behalf of Shannon Pearson)

Absent: Eric Trueblood, Mike Christianson, Chris Dumont, Kim Wenko, Shannon Pearson, Melissa Korslien, Justin Forde

The meeting was called to order at 12 p.m. CST.

After introductions were made and Devils Lake was officially introduced to the NDYP Network as their Network kick-off was October 18<sup>th</sup>. Other networks gave updates of upcoming events and past projects.

Motion to approve minutes made by Hill, seconded by Jensen. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

### **Committee Reports**

**Best Place Awards:** Effertz reported that between “Best Place to Work” and “Best Place to Intern” a total of 48 applications had been received. This number is significantly up from last year. The committee will meet in December to judge and determine winners.

**Feb 8, 2011, Legislative Social at Seven Seas in Mandan:** Dalzell reported that she had been in contact with Carissa Richter with the EDND Association, which is providing the funding for the event. Sparks reported that she would like a Bismarck contact to co-chair the committee with her as it would ease in event planning. Pelham and Effertz would work together and get possible names to Dalzell for Sparks.

**Outreach:** Dobrowski reported that the group has worked to refocus goals and priorities and presented a mission statement to the board for approval: The North Dakota Young Professionals (NDYP) Outreach Committee assists in the statewide effort to engage, mentor and promote NDYP to new members and new networks. The Outreach Committee provides development resources to those interested in joining NDYP or starting a new network. Hill moved to approve mission statement and goals, Schilken seconded. Motion carried.

**Marketing/Newsletter:** Moser reported that the group visited about goals regarding marketing pieces, working with ND Commerce’s Youth Forward initiative, and revising the NDYP website. Dalzell shared that the newsletter is a priority as we review the business operations of NDYP. She also noted that there are currently 10 volunteer writers and 2 volunteer editors.

**GPYP Summit:** Hill reported that the Summit will be in June and be Wednesday and Thursday format leading to a half day Friday. The theme will be “Make Your Mark” The Fargo-Moorhead Network has created sub-committees using teams already in place. The network will work closely with the Chamber. There have also been sponsors that have stepped forward to help aid in planning the Summit. The FM Network will decide on a venue soon. Jensen reported that Odney would be interested in discussing possible involvement as a website host.

## **New Business**

### **NDYP Organization**

Dobrowski reported that Dalzell has resigned from the Center for Technology and Business (CTB). She reported that the board will need to evaluate relationships and make decisions regarding the coordinating of NDYP. Effertz and Dever will meet with Denise Spanjer, the director of the CTB, to determine relationship, funding and options. Issues that need immediate work include Best Place Awards, newsletter, and the Legislative Social.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Dobrowski reviewed the dates for future NDYP board meetings and it was decided to aid in scheduling and attendance to move the dates the NDYP conference call from the second Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month staying at 12:00 CST. Dobrowski will email a revised calendar to board members.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. CST.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Secretary Amanda Lynn Moser