



NDYP Board Meeting

May 16, 2011

Present: Jennifer Dobrowski, Amanda Lynn Moser, Aaron Hill, Justin Dever, Krissy Sparks, Melissa Korslien, Mike Christianson, Eric Trueblood, Chris Schilken, Rhonda Jensen, Shannon Pearson, Laurie-Morse-Dell

Absent: Kayla Effertz, Kim Wenko, Brandi Pelham, Justin Forde, Brianna Strahm

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. CST.

After roll call, Minot, Bismarck/Mandan, Fargo/Moorhead/West Fargo, Devils Lake, Grand Forks, and Dickinson provided network activity reports.

Motion to approve minutes made by Dever, seconded by Schilken. Motion carried.

Old Business

CTB/NDYP Coordinator Position

Morse-Dell reported that she is visiting individual networks. A full report will come when she finishes all visits. Interviews have been conducted for the CTB Executive Director position and CTB will hire an individual soon. NDYP Rep Schilken will start his one year term on the CTB Board in July.

Committee Reports

Best Place Awards: No report

Legislative Social: No report

Outreach: Trueblood reviewed ideas that were generated regarding outreach opportunities specific to reaching nonaffiliated young professionals. These ideas included the NDDOT district maps, social media, and working through employers. Details on using the district map will be forthcoming.

Center for Rural Health (CRH) contacted the executive team. Morse-Dell followed up and reported that the CRH would be able to use NDYP's contact information and website resources.

Experience ND, the Minneapolis Job Fair, was also covered. NDYP did not have a specific presence but marketing material were sent and distributed by ND Department of Commerce.

Trueblood will also be working with Jamestown, Valley City, Wishek, and Bottineau as they prepare to launch their networks.

Marketing/Newsletter: Morse-Dell reported that the NDYP website is live and encouraged members to review it, and to contact her if corrections need to be made. The newsletter will be sent out on a biweekly basis during the summer months.

GPYP Summit: Hill reported that 95 attendees have registered for the Summit and the FMWF Network will be doing individualized contacts to Chamber members to market the event. The FMWF committee decided to not promote a one-day payment only option because of the lack of time between now and the event, but will encourage Minot YP to include that option. All speakers have been confirmed including Senator Hoeven, Lieutenant Governor Wrigley, and keynote speaker Judy Siegle. Dobrowski requested a list of attendees to be sent out to all board reps, which would allow board members to do individualized contacts in their own networks.

Nominating Committee: Dever reported the committee met and developed a plan of action. There are currently 8 at-large position, 4 of these position are in the middle of their term and will not be replaced. The remainder of the at-large positions will be reflective of the number of established networks. A proposed by-law change would add a non-affiliated representative, which would also increase the number of at-large members. Dever reported that 3 to 5 at-large positions could be filled. Membership applications were created and will be available online. The application deadline is June 30. The committee will meet again on July 8 to review applications and put forth a slate of candidates.

NDYP Fundraising

Dobrowski asked the Board to review the list of possible items that funds raised would need to pay for.

Incorporation

Trueblood questioned the cost of incorporation. Dever reported that it would cost approximately \$40, and suggested CTB serve as the registered agent. He continued by stating incorporating would provide NDYP with its own organizational identity and ability to have a separate bank account. Dever moved to have the executive committee discuss options for incorporating and filing with the State and bring forth a recommendation on July 19. Hill seconded. Motion carried.

Experience ND, Minneapolis Job Fair Opportunity

Morse-Dell reported that these details were covered in the Outreach Report.

New Business

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Dobrowski reviewed proposed changes to the bylaws.

Dever suggested rewording Article 4 A-2 revision to read: "The Board may allow the appointment of one representative, not associated with a recognized young professional organization, to serve as the voice of nonaffiliated young professionals."

Dever suggested amending Article 4 A-3 to include nonaffiliated representatives: "The Board may elect additional at-large members to serve on the Board, provided the total does not exceed the number of appointed board and nonaffiliated representatives."

Proposed bylaw Article 4 E-5 was incorporated into Article E-1. The revised Article will read: "Terms of appointed Board members shall be one year in length, beginning in July with board elections. In the event an appointed board member resigns, the affected young professionals organization will fill the remainder of their term with another appointed representative."

Dever suggested a term limit to be added to the nonaffiliated representative position in Article 4 E-3: "Terms of appointed nonaffiliated Board members shall be one year in length, beginning in July with board elections." Hill suggested adding the ability of the Board to appoint a new member should the nonaffiliated representative resign: "In the event the appointed nonaffiliated board member resigns, the Board shall appoint, by majority vote, a replacement to fill out the term until elections in July."

Dever suggested adding "at the time of the election" to clarify Article 5 B, as an alternative to proposed Article 5 C-1. "Qualifications. At the time of election, the executive officers must be members of the Board of Directors and members in good standing of NDYP or of a recognized young professional organization in the state."

Dever recommended the verbiage of Article 5 C-2 be kept to ensure that appointment issues are addressed in the bylaws. "Elections. The executive officers shall be elected on an annual basis by the Board of Directors. In the event an executive officer resigns his/her elected position, Board members shall appoint, by majority vote, a replacement to fill out the term until elections in July."

Moser discussed adding a fundraiser position to the executive team in the future. Dever suggested that it should be titled Treasurer, as they would also be in charge of the finances. Hill suggested tabling the position until a decision is made on incorporation. Moser agreed.

Bylaws, as amended, were posted and will be voted on at the July Board meeting.

After reviewing the upcoming scheduled meeting, Dever moved to adjourn the meeting, Hill seconded, motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. CST.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Secretary Amanda Lynn Moser