

NSSA Executive Committee
Minutes of the conference phone call 2:00pm EST, 09/08/2008
(action items in red)

Present on the conference call:

Roger Pynn (RP)
Suzanne te Velthuis (StV)
Greg Smith (GS)
John Root (JR)
Angus Wilkinson (AW)
Simon Billinge (SJB)
Shenda Baker (SB)
Brent Fultz (BF)

Agenda

- 1) Approval of minutes of 08/12/2008 teleconference call.**
- 2) Review of action items from last minutes**
- 3) ICNS09**
- 4) Constitutional changes**
- 5) NSSA membership dues**
- 6) AOB**
- 7) Set date for next call**

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Discussions

1) Approval of minutes of 08/12/2008 teleconference call

The minutes of the 08/12/2008 teleconference call are approved.

2) Review of action items from last minutes

2a) Previous item 2a (Nomination package resubmission): Bruce Gaulin agreed to send packages to StV when asked by RP. **StV will remind him again, as nothing has been received.**

2b) Previous item 4 (Elections) GS has found out how to have a ballot for the vote on the by-laws set up. It will take a few days to set it up.

All other action items were completed.

3) ICNS09

GS reports:

-The memorandum of understanding with MRS has been signed.

-The three members of the program committee (Paul Butler, Meigan Aronson, Lee Robertson) are putting together the program.

-Issues regarding grant applications to DOE are being dealt with.

RP will contact Pat Hastings (MRS) to offer help with grant applications.

Possible opening speakers are discussed.

4) Constitutional changes

It is decided that the ballot for the vote on the constitutional changes should have:

- 1) A short description of the intent of the changes
- 2) Short list of changes
- 3) Link to all the marked up versions.

The vote should be a YES or NO, but will also have a comment box for someone to put something in.

RP will put together wording from 1&2

We will use documents showing the presently proposed changes only, accepting the changes based on the 2005 vote.

AW will ask the lawyer to prepare these two (the side by side versions of the changed sections and the total document with the markups).

5) NSSA membership dues

The pro's and con's are briefly discussed. The main advantage would be to help NSSA maintain up-to-date membership information.

It is suggested we could solicit donations for various programs.

It is decided to leave this issue for the next elected Exec Com.

6) AOB

None

7) Set date for next call

Monday October 13th, 2pm EST.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne te Velthuis, 10/10/08.