

Minutes of the NASASPS Business meeting
April 27, 2008
Park City, UT

Directors present:

Teri Candelaria, President
David Dies, President-Elect
Mary Jayne Faye, Treasurer
Lane Jeselnik, Secretary
John Ware, Past President
Bill Crews
George Roedler

Teri Candelaria called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM (MDT) and asked for all members to introduce themselves. Teri introduced conference host Francine Giani (UT), who provided an overview of the conference site.

The members received copies of minutes of the April 2007 business meetings and were advised to review them before approving them at Monday's business meeting.

John announced that the nominating committee met earlier in the day and nominated George Roedler (MN) and Monica Borden (NY) to become members of the Board. A vote to approve the nominees will take place at the Monday business meeting. John emphasized that other members who showed interest in serving on the Board will be considered next year when other Board members move off of the Board.

By-laws were distributed to members and David Dies explained the proposed changes. David reminded members that the By-laws were approved at last year's business meeting with the understanding that minor changes, suggested by other members, would likely be made. It was determined to withdraw the proposed change in Article IV, Section 1 (p.7) of the By-laws concerning lengths of terms for officers (to remain as one-year terms) and to add the language "or until" so that the By-laws will read, "The term of each officer named in this paragraph shall be for one year or until his/her respective successor is elected or appointed and qualified."

Teri informed members that having NASASPS receive 501(c)3 status has opened the doors to allow fundraising and solicitations and that the organization had received about \$9,000 back in taxes paid. She commended the hard work of Board members over the past year. John distributed the draft membership form created by the Board and stated that the Board's intent is to define membership, collect data, and collect membership fees when possible. He indicated that states that are unable to pay the membership fee will not be excluded from the organization.

David addressed the organization's ability to solicit contributions and emphasized the necessity of doing so in order to sustain short- and long-term growth. He stated that the Board has discussed seeking earmarks and grants, establishing an information database for associate members, and hiring a part-time employee when funds are available to do so. David also informed the members that a press release

about the organization's 501(c)3 status had been sent to relevant publications and agencies and that he hoped to promote better name recognition for the organization.

David stated that the fall workshop, for state members only, is tentatively scheduled to take place Oct. 1-3, 2008 in Mobile, Alabama, but no contract has been signed. David Perlman stated that it would be interesting to see if the region in which the meetings (and other conferences) were held had any bearing on which states attended.

Lane Jeselnik provided information about the location of the 2009 annual conference, which will be held April 26-29, 2009 in Charleston, SC at. At this time, no state members have offered to host the 2010 conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lane Jeselnik, Secretary