

MINUTES

WPRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WPRA Office-(Heinemann Restaurant)
Greendale, Wisconsin

Wednesday, January 9, 2008
10:00 AM

I. **CALLED TO ORDER:** With the presence of a quorum, President Joe McLafferty called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Joe McLafferty, President	Marty Kosobucki, President-Elect
Roger Kist, Past President	Yvonne Monfils, Secretary/Treasurer
Steve Peterson, Region I Rep	Sara King, Region II Rep
Jim Mattke, Region III Rep	Pat Grulke, Region IV Rep
Rebecca Price, Aquatic Chair	George Pinney, Park Chair
Lori Williams, Recreation Chair	Erin Winch, WTRS Chair
Tom Kautz, Emeritus Chair	Erica Wilson, Student Chair
Maria Andersen, Student Advisor	
Steve Thompson, Exec Director	

Guests: Derek Donlevy, Juliene Hefter, Mary Riffel, Kay Krahn

Excused Absence:

Absent:

III. **ACCEPTANCE OF EXCUSED ABSENCES:** None.

IV. **ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES:** None.

V. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Joe noted that under New Business, E. College Relations Committee was added. This was forwarded to the Board in December. George Pinney requested to have Park Section Fees added under New Business. Moved by Yvonne Monfils to accept the Agenda Additions as presented; second by George Pinney. Motion Carried.

VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Jim Mattke to approve the Meeting Minutes from the August 22, 2007 Board of Directors' Meeting; second by Steve Peterson. Motion carried.

VII. **INTRODUCTION OF STAFF:** Joe introduced the WPRA staff to the Board Members. Joe then had Board Members introduce each other.

VIII. 2008 WPRA BOARD OVERVIEW: Joe related that he was truly excited to be at the helm of WPRA, and that he looked forward to meeting the challenges of the State Association, and in making it a stronger and more focused professional entity.

- A. Orientation to the Board:** Steve Thompson provided a powerpoint presentation that depicted the role of the WPRA Board of Directors and an overview of the State Association.
- B. Responsibilities as a Board Member:** A handout was distributed that outlined the general responsibilities as a Board Member for the State Association.
- C. 2008 WPRA Board Code of Ethics:** An Ethics Code was distributed to the Board for their review and signature. For the past four years, the Board has agreed to sign and have on file a Code of Ethics that outlines their conduct and their interest in best serving the entire membership of the State Association.
- D. 2008 Strategic Plan Tactics:** Previously, the WPRA Board updated and approved Strategic Plan Tactics. Joe disseminated a copy for the Board's review. No budgetary considerations were needed for these five goals. Joe related that the Board governance would be the "hot" topic for the Board to resolve this year.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION:

- A. WPRA Citizen Board Resource Guide:** Steve disseminated a draft copy of the WPRA Citizen Board Resource Guide that he would like to market and make available to WPRA agency members. Steve would like to sell these for a nominal fee to agency members. Moved by Roger Kist to sell the Citizen Board Resource Guides to membership agencies to cover copying and postage, and to place a copy on the website for members to download as well; second by Lori Williams. Motion Carried.
- B. University Enhancement:** Marty indicated that one of his primary objectives as President-Elect was to increase the involvement of Wisconsin Universities with the State Association.
- C. NRPA/GLRC Updates:** Joe indicated that he, Roger, Marty and Steve would be representing WPRA at the NRPA Legislative Forum in Washington, DC in mid-March. John Thorner, the NRPA Executive Director announced his resignation in December to take another Association management position in Chicago. NRPA is currently searching for a new Executive Director.
- D. Professional Grants/Scholarship Changes:** Yvonne indicated that the WPRA Foundation announced that the Student and Professional Grant application deadline would now be by March 1st and September 1st of the year. The Student Conference Scholarship application deadline will remain at October 1st.
- E. College Relations Committee:** Marty disseminated a copy of a new outline for the College Relations Committee in an attempt to get this committee back on track and working in 2008. Moved by Steve Peterson to approve the new purpose and description for the College Relations Committee; second by Jim Mattke. Motion Carried.
- F. Park Section Fees:** George Pinney presented the 2008 Spring Seminar and Park Tour fees as follows.

Spring Workshop:

\$55 Member
\$60 Non-Member
\$40 Student
\$50 Student Non-Member

Summer Park:

\$80 Member
\$65 Spouse of Member
\$35 Child of Member
\$100 Non-Member
\$60 Thursday Only-Member
\$75 Thursday Only-Non-Member
\$45 Friday Only-Member
\$55 Friday Only-Non-Member

Moved by Steve Peterson to approve the rates as presented; second by Pat Grulke. Motion Carried.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - ACTION:

- A. Board Governance – Next Step: Joe indicated that he had determined that it was in the best interest of the State Association for the Board to make the final determination in the governance of the Board, and to then submit this recommendation to the membership. He would like to finalize the recommendation by the March Board Meeting. Joe and Yvonne will coordinate and mail material regarding the governance to the Board prior to the March Meeting.**
- B. Park District Legislation Update: The Park District legislation remains in committee as of this date, and no action is pending.**

XI OFFICER REPORTS: No Reports.

XII. SECTION REPORTS: No Reports.

XIII. REGION REPORTS: No Reports.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Tom Kautz to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 PM; second by Lori Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve

Steven J. Thompson, CPRP
Executive Director

****The May Board Meeting has been rescheduled to May 14th****

