

## WCO BOD Meeting

Laguna Vista meeting Room at the Chula Vista Resort WI Dells

2-21-22

Roll call: Derek Ducat, Ray Liska, Josh Bartholomew, Exec Director - Maria Woldt, Isaac Lemmenes, Jesse Dvorachek, Pat Johnson, Bill Smith - Joseph Sanford, Matt Digman, Brian Luck, Kevin Shinnars (on the phone)

President Ray Liska called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

**Agenda approval:** Motion was made by Jesse, seconded by Isaac. All were in favor. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Jesse, seconded by Derek. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Maria gave the treasury report. Went over financials and budget. The group found some errors in the budget, Maria will edit and get the corrected copy to the group. **Jesse moved to table the budget until it is corrected, Derek seconded. All were in favor; the budget will be voted on at the Feb. 23 meeting. Josh made a motion to approve treasurers report, Bill seconded. All were in favor. The treasurer's report was approved.**

**Executive Directors Report:** Maria discussed that we are down on members, but hopeful that Symposium will up the numbers. Outstanding sponsorships that were not renewed were addressed by the group. The annual meeting script was discussed along with board member responsibilities.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee:** Kevin notified the group that one of the scholarship award winners did not meet GPA requirements, but the group felt she should be given another semester to work on grades. **Kevin made a motion to extend this time and Jesse seconded. All were in favor. The third scholarship winner from 2021 will have until June 1 to achieve a 2.5 GPA.** Kevin also discussed the future scholarships and then went onto discuss his retirement from the board and Joe Sanford taking over. May first is the deadline for new scholarship awards.

**Recruitment/Nomination Committee:** Jesse discussed his change in career and how he will be stepping down from the board. There was a review of nominees.

**Newsletter/Media Committee:** Josh Bartholomew reported on our newsletter mailing dates. Press releases regarding the election and scholarships were discussed. Maria elaborated on WCO emails and using Constant Contact with our operators to ensure that our member emails are not marked as spam.

**Special Projects Committee:** Maria followed up on the member survey. The Executive Committee voted to hire a consultant to help WCO analyze the data in a more meaningful way. Nate Dudenhoeffer from Dudenhoeffer Agricultural Technology Acumen is working with us and wants to get a focus group together soon to discuss data.

**Safety/Regulations Committee:** There were regulatory updates from Jesse. He also brought up that he was contacted by his representative to visit business to visit and discuss things. Dairy Day at the Capitol and its attendance was also discussed.

**Education/Conference Committee:** There was discussion of the board responsibilities at the annual meeting. Incentives were also talked about for the survey takers, including the big \$1000 check.

**Old Business:** None

**New business:** Bill brought up the idea of a scholarship for non-college going kids that want to get into our industry. This was discussed amongst the group.

**Adjournment:** Jesse moved to adjourn. Josh seconded. All were in favor Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew