

WBWG Officer Call 12/18/2008

Attendees:

Pat Ormsbee
Jason Williams
Cori Lausen
Brad Phillips
Toni Piaggio
Michelle Caviness

Membership-Toni discusses issues about starting membership with this year's meeting.

1) what do we give members that we don't give non-paying members? 2) how to deal with the issue that our meetings are biennial and membership would be annual 3) cost of adding membership to conference registration.

We could do newsletter for members only but we depend on getting the word out to all 400 plus members.

What about just requesting donations/voluntary membership fees

True membership might change our by-laws drastically

It is hard for people that are employed by state and fed cannot write PO for donation but can for membership

We could work with someone like Joel Tigner to give member access to his literature database

*We agree tabling initiating membership fees, to be discussed with Board of Directors. We would like to have a donation option on the registration form for the meeting. We should include why we need donations. We can say a specific use for the money or we can use the text Toni used in the survey that covers all our fees of concern.

Conference fees come to \$160, if we have a buffer our breakdown can be \$180 for nonstudents and \$160 for students. This way we have a buffer and can not include membership. Registration will be up mid-January.

Last conference we had a lot of sponsorship from states and we should try this year but states budgets are so bad, should we even ask for the sponsorship? Also advertise wind workshop. We should write a letter to states that says we have asked for money usually but we acknowledge budget realities and we would welcome money but please make sure to send your people. How to find addresses? Should we have a database? We would recommend that the next board send more stuff to the states (e.g. our rabies statement, our statement on cleansing equipment, etc...). Pat will write letter, Toni can help, Brad can mail.

Should we send out an e-mail to all with conference costs and hotel costs? Yes.

Action Plan should we update or leave for next board, we should leave for next board to update because it will allow them to have ownership over the process and action items. Pat will do the summary about what we have accomplished for the board of directors.

We may need a membership position separate from the secretary position. Maybe we can tap the person who doesn't get the secretary position this time and they can maybe be approached about helping with newsletter too.

Transition plan: February call and ask officer to identify what worked and what didn't and future needs and strategies to get that stuff done to provide to next board. Then have a March conference call with all old and new officer's before the conference.

Call in January 20 9amPST