SOBA BOARD MEETING (VIA TELECONFERENCE) OCTOBER 24, 2013

Janine Belleque  
James Adams  
Ron Christofferson  
Pat Harrell  
Larry Horan  
Bernice McArdle

ABSENT: Craig Walker and Steve Miller

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of minutes from September 29, 2013 meeting and Treasurer’s Report tabled until November 2013 teleconference meeting. 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes will be completed and approved at SOBA’s 2014 annual business meeting.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Minutes from each board meeting should be included under “members’ only” section of website. Bernice will prepare minutes and forward to James and he will edit them for the website and pass back to Bernice.

2013 CONFERENCE: Janine Belleque will coordinate with Bernice McArdle in the evaluation of conference expenses from Oregon and Alabama to ensure that SOBA is recovering the cost of standard registration expenses relative to what the conference attendant is provided as well as to evaluate exhibitor costs and early and late registrations. Overall this will provide assurance that costs and net earnings are fair and sufficient to support overall Organization budget and goals. These actions need to be completed by end of December in support of developing registration form for the 2014 conference.

2014 CONFERENCE: Tom Jones was not available for the call. Bernice will send conference notification to Marina Dock Age for inclusion in their calendar. Broader marketing efforts paid dividends for Portland – use same tactics for Arkansas.

AFWA Multi-state Grant Status: Survey instrument being put together by Responsive Management. Mark Duda (RM) will provide a status report for the November Newsletter and Webpage site. Some work will be postponed until January to allow SOBA to stay under the $300k annual income threshold to avoid an audit.

CVA BEST PRACTICES: Janine continues to work on this and will keep the board apprised of progress

AIS: Craig provided an update for the board

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Volunteer Assignments: These have been assigned. Each group will work towards their objectives and keep the board updated.
AFWA: Lots of commonalities between AFWA and SOBA – Janine Belleque, Steve Miller and James Adams met with Ron Reagan in Portland, along with AFWA President Dan Forster (GA), to discuss how SOBA and AFWA can partner, identify common goals and work together on those goals. AFWA has a meeting in Spring 2014 in Denver, and SOBA is endeavoring to get on their agenda.

TRACS: FWS and SOBA board members met to discuss ways to streamline the TRACS reporting system. FWS expect to have a final training process in place by mid November, and Ron Christofferson and Pat Harrell will be the SOBA representatives to work with FWS. Janine will also endeavor to recruit some SOBA members to sit on this task force. Try to get someone from Region 5 on this group.

BOARD MEETING: Proposal put forth to host a board meeting in conjunction with AFWA’s Spring 2014 in Denver – March 11 - 15: Ron Christofferson will look into “Live Meeting” via Outlook, so board can host their budget meeting via this format. If we cannot get on AFWA’s calendar, we will relook at hosting a face to face meeting in December or January (Chicago). James Adams will talk to Ron Reagan at the SFBPC meeting on October 28th and report back to Janine.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS: Tabled until November meeting

Motion to adjourn (Ron Christofferson) – seconded (Larry Horan) and passed.