SOBA BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
April 9th, 2014

Janine Belleque
Steve Miller
James Adams
Craig Walker
Pat Harrell
Ron Christopherson
Bernice McArdle

GUESTS: Tom Jones and Katie

ABSENT: Larry Horan

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:
A motion to approve the board minutes from the Denver board meeting (March 10, 11, 2014) was made, seconded and passed.

2014 CONFERENCE:
Tom and Katie joined the call, and discussion about the agenda took place. The Board suggested several session changes, and that a wrap-up session takes place after the field trip to discuss Vermont 2015. The conference budget was discussed with several changes.

ACTION: Janine will update the agenda, and a 2 hour meeting will be set up with Tom, Janine, Katie, James and Bernice to finalize the agenda and the budget.

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD:
Congressman Bill Shuster (PA) and Nick J Rahall (West VA) will both be awarded SOBA’s 2014 Congressional Award. Bernice has been working with Jeff Gabriel on the logistics, and Jeff will set up a meeting to present the awards. The general Call for Awards for 2014 has been distributed, and Ron will do some personal follow up to encourage people to submit awards for 2014.

INCORPORATION:
An application for SOBA Incorporation has been filed in Illinois.

MULTI-STATE AWFA GRANT:
The report is finalized, and a cover has been designed. ACTION: James will work with Mark to get the grant closed out, submit all deliverables, and develop a distribution plan. James will advise Bernice when to pay final invoice.

NON-MOTORIZED TASK FORCE:
No progress to report. ACTION: Larry and Ron will distribute the Table of Contents to the board by April 14th.

AIS:
Craig Walker and his team continue to work on finalizing a product for distribution.

CONFERENCE MANUAL:
Bernice will have some copied to Jump Drives so we can have them on hand to distribute as needed.

AFWA:
Janine spoke with Ron Reagan, and asked if we could promote our conference through their newsletter. **ACTION:** Janine will provide Ron with a letter and agenda that he can promote. They were also invited to do a presentation at our conference, in order to build upon momentum and strengthen our relationship. Ron Reagan advised Pat Harrell that SOBA would not be put at the end of their future meetings.

**GENERAL ACTION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:**

- **Doodle Poll / Survey Monkey to members specific to Boating Access, BIG and CVA projects.** **ACTION:** Janine will work on a survey to member states soliciting information/feedback on how to improve our working relationship with FWS on Access, BIG and CVA and Project Implementation. She will send this to the board first for input.
- **Corps of Engineers and BLM meetings in DC:** Janine will work with James to determine if we can set up meetings with COE and BLM during next SFBPC meeting in DC.
- **Member Renewal:** will send reminder to those who have not paid, include copy of invoice with reminder.
- **Bernice will include the following message within the announcement of SOBA online registration:**

  **MEMBER PRICING FOR STATE AGENCIES WHO ARE NOT SOBA MEMBERS:** Please note that if your particular state agency is not the designated agency assigned for SOBA membership, conference member pricing will still be extended to your agency personnel due to the fact that your State is the SOBA member

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday May 13th at 1pm EST.