



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

September 24th, 2024, at 5:00 PST

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TOPIC
<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Meeting began at 5:01PM</p>
<p>Agenda</p> <p>Additions to the agenda: Budget Projection</p>
<p>Minutes: Approve August 2024 Minutes</p> <p><i>Minutes approved as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p>
<p>Financial Reports – August 2024</p> <p><i>Motion to approve financial reports as presented. Second, all in favor, none opposed.</i></p> <p><i>Motion passed.</i></p>
<p>NBM Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The draft budget was presented to the Executive Committee with a shortfall over \$6,300.• This does not take into account anything from the auction.• The Food & Beverages prices increased from the first menu.• Discussion on the registration fees. Due to the cost of food we need to increase the registration fees, full registration, daily rate and gallery.• Discussion on how to cut costs. Suggestion, breakfast. We need breakfast to meet the F&B minimum.• Suggestion not to print the National Directors information for the NBM, this has not been successful in the past.• EC agrees to the budget with the changes in the registration fees.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Full Registration: \$400○ Daily Rate: \$70○ Gallery: \$15
<p>2024-2025 Budget Projections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Membership is down over 400 memberships from last year. NBM increased what was suggested for membership income, we will not meet this number. It won't even meet what was suggested originally. We will only be at approx. \$120,000.○ \$5 dues donation, looks like it may be closer to \$2500○ Donations projected: \$6500○ Projected decrease of income approximately \$40,000.○ No consideration was given to any miscellaneous income.



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• Solution Suggestions

- There are some resources we can use to make this up, savings and CD's. Saving would have to be known that this will not be replenished.
- We could put a halt to all spending including ALL travel, committees, partnerships, etc. Projected saving approximately \$10,000
- National Board Meeting break even.
- If we cut all of these, we would still be at a \$30,000 loss.

During the National Board Meeting directors wants a 5% increase in membership added to the budget, to help balance the budget. This goal is not going to be accomplished.

Public Lands

- Forest Service is making cutbacks.
- At a leadership committee came up with the cuts all will be seeing next year.
- Questions are whose fault, is it? There is not a straight answer, everyone is pointing fingers another direction.
- Mark will be having another conversation with her and will try to get the answers.
- Most of these people have to apply for their jobs for next year.

Comments:

What could we do about the cuts? Only be prepared to contact the new delegates once congress reconvenes to stop this and make them realize how much agencies depend on regional employees.

Committee Updates

- Chapter Support Grants committee is getting ready for 2025 grant applications.
- Education has been having meetings.

Updates from the Chairman

- Saw
 - Mark will be on a call this month for discussion on Saw training, he is not sure why this conversation is going to happen with the forest service.
 - Colorado is involved in saw training now and have the tools to be successful.
 - If we are going to get in the business of training forest service, we need to get paid for it. Not sustainable over time for partial reimbursement by the forest service for travel & other expenses.
 - BCHA can fill some of the holes but not all of them.



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- NBM Policy
 - This is a standard policy so there is no question about what is expected before and during the National Board Meeting.
 - Discussion on whether it is a requirement to be close to an airport, We will just encourage it.
 - Is the board agreed to use this going forward. The board agreed to use this policy moving forward.
- Membership
 - The membership list sent in for September was used to determine where we will be at some time for states to pay dues.
 - Membership is down by over 400 members. (provide math here)
 - Idaho is down by almost half the members they had last year.

Next Meeting: October 22nd, 2024

National Directors Call Tomorrow September 25th, 2024

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:16PM Pacific Time

In Attendance: Mark Himmel, Craig Ferdig, Sherry Copeland, Greg Schatz, Jim Allen, Brad Pollman, Dana Chambers, Heather Cox

Staff: Michelle Wade

Absent: Randy Rasmussen, Kathy Young

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