

TMN – COT

Called Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 12, 2010

Conference Room – AgriLife Building

Attendees: Ed Johnson, Justina Dent, Carolyn Schlein, Laura Brandes, David Brandes, Phil Huxford, Neal McLain, Jerry Eppner, Ed Barrios, Sandy Henderson, John Battle, Mary Helen Israel

Vice President's Report

Carolyn Schlein opened the meeting at 3:00 pm and read a letter from Carl Dodson resigning the presidency. Carolyn noted the need to select a new president to complete the 2010 term and to communicate pertinent information to the COT membership. Carl has also resigned from TMN-COT and from the INEOS Program. Another matter needing attention is the pending re-start of the ConocoPhillips education program. Rich Tillman volunteered to coordinate this program

Both David Brandes and Ed Barrios had told Carl before the year began that they would be willing to take over his presidency should he have health difficulties and not be able to continue. Laura Brandes observed the positive benefits of a smooth transition and since Dave is willing to serve and is the immediate past president she thought he could effect a transition with continuity.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect David Brandes as President. Ed Barrios resumes the position of Past-President.

New President

David Brandes took over conducting the meeting and noted that he will need to get something out to the membership about Carl Dodson's resignation. Dave will follow up on the communication above; work with INEOS until a new coordinator is appointed, review certain aspects of the By Laws regarding email addresses contained in them, review the Policies and

Procedures regarding removal of a TMN member, and review the distribution and use of the TMN-COT email distribution list.

Membership Chairman

Jerry Eppner questioned whether we are actually doing anything with the tracking of volunteer hours with partners. The decision was made to track these partner hours for the remainder of this year before making a decision to discontinue that tracking.

Other

TMN-COT Docent availability for the education outreach programs in which we participate was discussed. The concern is that we have reached our limit to support these programs.

Laura Brandes suggested we develop a catalog of the education sessions we are willing to deliver to the community. We could update the DEEP and INEOS curriculums as a base to start from. When an organization or business wants to conduct an environmental education program, they could choose their sessions from this catalog. Delivery of these sessions could be easily fit to the age group. The advantage for us is less training in our programs and more of us trained in many different sessions.

Increasing the current size of and re-tasking our Education Committee to develop and implement an education catalog was discussed, but no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.