

NINA Board minutes

10 a.m. March 20, 2015

Northern Star office

Present: Shelley Hendricks, Sharon Boehlefeld, Kathy Gresey, Penny Wiegert, Roger Ruthhart, Pat Szpekowski, Diane Dungey, Eric Olson, Tammie Sloup, Stan Zoller

Absent: Jim Slonoff, Jason Akst, Jason Schaumburg, Wally Haas, Larry Lough, Jay Dickerson, John Etheredge

Wiegert called meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Ruthhart moved that minutes of the January 2015 board meeting be approved. Szpekowski seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Executive secretary's report: No report.

President's report: Wiegert stated the NINA brochure is ready to be circulated, the newsletter is ready, the dues letter is out and the web site is updated. Hendricks will bring dues status info to next meeting.

Outreach Committee: No report.

Training Committee: Discussion of training session possibilities. Three-part program proposed for June 4 or 11. Topics: Development of young journalists talking about experiences with editors, good and bad; developing young talent; ins and outs of dealing with stringers and freelancers. Hendricks will call about reserving space.

Gresey moved to change date of awards banquet to Oct. 29 to coincide with NewsTrain.

Olson seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion followed regarding the speaker for the annual banquet. Consensus reached on booking a comedy troupe that could riff on the news as best choice.

Education Committee: Note read from Etheredge to board: I would like to hold the scholarship judging on Thursday, April 9 at The Star--assuming that date works for you. We would start at 9:30 a.m. and should finish by noon. All board members are invited. Free donuts--provided by me--for anyone who shows up. I received my first scholarship application

today. As I indicated earlier this week this is typical. I'm hopeful of receiving more scholarships postmarked March 20 in the mail here next week. Also, Rick Nagel, a former NINA Board member and past president, has agreed to return to the board. He is currently self-employed. I've discussed this previously with Kathy and Roger.

Old business:

Wiegert will not be able to attend Media Conspiracy event May 2.

Akst will be contacted as to whether the Media Conspiracy flier will be ready to be sent out March 27.

New business

A review of the contest offerings and potential changes should be discussed at the next board meeting.

Gresey moved to appoint Olson as an at-large board member. Zoller seconded. Motion carries by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.