

NINA Board minutes

10 a.m. Jan. 16, 2015

Northern Star office

Present: Shelley Hendricks, Wally Haas, Sharon Boehlefeld, Kathy Gresey, Penny Wiegert, John Etheredge, Roger Ruthhart, Larry Lough, Pat Szpekowski, Jay Dickerson, Diane Dungey, Eric Olson, Tammie Sloup, Stan Zoller,

Absent: Jim Slonoff, Jason Akst, Jason Schaumburg

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

Wiegert read notes from Oct. 23, 2014, meeting for which no quorum was present. Haas moved to pass minutes with Oct. 23, 2014, meeting notes attached. Corrections to reflect \$1,800 instead of \$18,000 in the Education Committee report re: amount for annual scholarships and election of officers. Etheredge seconded. Zoller abstained. Passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Executive secretary's report: Gresey read message from Secretary Akst welcoming new members. Akst also said Karen Grubb of the NIU Communication Department expressed interest in joining the board. Akst offered to lead planning of annual Media Conspiracy event.

President's report:

Goals for year include increasing membership, more frequent posts to the NINA website, reviving Twitter, linking to other organizations, considering a closed social media group, certificates for NINA membership.

Outreach Committee: No report.

Training Committee:

Ruthhart highlighted upcoming training opportunities: NIU was approved to be a site of APME's NewsTrain. Mid-American Press Institute's News Literacy program. Discussion of training topics followed including newsroom ethics and digital journalism.

Education Committee:

Haas moved to approve \$1,800 to be used to for annual high school scholarships. Ruthhart seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dickerson moved to accept committees as follows:

Outreach

Boehlefeld
Hendricks
Szpekowski
Dungey

Training

Gresey
Haas
Sloup
Olson
Schaumburg

Education

Zoller
Dickerson
Lough
Etheredge

Gresey seconded. Passed by voice vote

Old business:

Hendricks will contact Gavin about board membership

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.