

**NSAC -- Far Western Chapter
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes- November 2013
Via Conference Call at 2:00 PM**

<u>Attending:</u>		<u>Not Attending:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christy Norton • Renee Avilla • Debi Wilson • Allen Ludlow • Brendon Ronayne • Carrie Parrish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Andersen • K-Deep Dhaliwal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanessa Harris • Toni Scott • Geoff Chinnock

1. Review Minutes- Christy
 - The minutes from the August 13th Meeting were approved by K-Deep and seconded by Brendan
2. Program Committee Update- Rene
 - Christy, Carrie and Rene attended the National Program Committee meeting.
 - Committee looking for speakers to address the future of technology, issues growers' face to acquire the labor they need, the Affordable Health Care Act.
 - Program committee also seeking attendees and position held and job title in order to gear meeting topics
3. Membership Update- Bryan
 - National had technical issue causing delay in reporting information.
 - As of September 30th the Far West Chapter had 169 members
 - The Far West Chapter is ranked 4th following Electric in 3rd
 - September activity included 1 new member, 1 rejoined, and 1 transferred out.
 - Bryan sends out welcome messages and reminders to renew when member is past due.
4. Financial Update- Allen
 - Not much activity
 - We had \$39,230 in bank
 - Loss of \$456 for our year end June 2013
5. National Update- Carrie
 - Treasure Secretary made recommendation to modify Investment language to allow funds to move into specific bonds
 - Another organization the handles electric cooperative education may merge for our 2015 Conference
6. Newsletter – Toni Scott
 - Christy to follow up with Toni and Brent
7. Other Business

- Chapter Recognition- Christy, Rene and Debi had a phone conference with National concerning our score results. We scored in the middle range. They are urging us to have a Newsletter and have more communication with our members.
- The board discussed our annual meeting and how previous years there was more spouse and family involvement. There were several points brought up about the differences between then and now. Our total membership is less, our meetings are held during the school year and there are more working spouses now. The board will try to make more of an effort to increase family participation in 2015.
- D&O Insurance was discussed. National will offer coverage for \$550 a year. Our exposure compared to costs was discussed.
- Time and Place 2015- Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite contacted Christy. The board will form a committee for time and place. K-Deep will contact some Las Vegas Hotels. Allen will follow up with Embassy Suites. Discussion on room costs, some venues having no remodel or upgrades, food costs are items to compare and discuss.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 3 PM