

Minutes of the November 19, 2015

Members present: Grace Aranda, Pam Bortz, Melissa Birkett, Stephanie Curtis, CJ Doane, Tom Greene, Eilene Janke, Cheryl Johnson, Timothy Martin, Frank McFadden, and Jaime White-James

President Jaime White-James called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. The meeting was held via conference call.

Secretary Pam Bortz distributed the minutes from the September board meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Pam reported the membership roster now has 154 members. Northern Board Representative Tom Greene reported that he will add anyone new from his area and try and keep the current membership up.

Treasurer Stephanie Curtis provided the financial report: savings \$877.38; checking \$7282.59. and the money market has \$4,079.50. Nothing is outstanding, except one membership received via pay pal.

Central Board Representative Timothy Martin reported that the National AALAS meeting had approximately 4050 attendees. National AALAS was very pleased with the attendance and the venue was a great success. The thought is to return to Phoenix in 8 years. Tim thanked everyone that assisted with the local arrangements committee. News Editor Grace Aranda reported that a list is being compiled from Jaime, Tim and Paula Johnson of volunteers at the meeting and a thank you card will be sent to them for their service.

Jaime mentioned that purchasing recordings from the National meeting which could be a great resource for future training seminars. Tim suggested contacting Ms. Betty Cartwright regarding purchasing and sharing a log in as professional access. Grace will check into costs and report back to the board.

Grace reported the raffles sales at \$50 thus far and due back by December 1st or can deliver to the Holiday Installation. Holiday Installation RSVP's have been sent electronically from about 30 members.

Tim Martin updated the Board on hosting the D8 meeting which will include branches of Arizona, Hawaii, Utah and Idaho. Since the D8 is so close to the Nationals this year in Phoenix, there will be no D8 in 2016. It will be hosted in 2017. The suggested sites include Pocatello, ID; Salt Lake City, UT; Las Vegas, NV; Tempe, AZ; or, Tucson, AZ.

Grace reported that she ordered the award plaques and medals for Technician and Member of the Year and the judging panel was encouraged to use the online link to vote. Ballots for new board members have also been sent out. Winners will be announced at the Holiday Installation and afterwards via email. New officers will receive information of the next board meeting schedule following as well.

International Tech Week is January 31 - February 6th and plans was discussed and how many items are needed to order for technicians and research technicians. It was estimated that there is close to 200, including ASU and Washington primate center. It was suggested that the extra bags from Nationals be used for techs not registered for the meeting. Due to the cost of the pedometers was deemed too expensive for that number though a smaller item could be included along with certification pins ordered for those members who received their certification in 2015. Grace will collect numbers from all institutions and place the order before the holidays

to ensure items are not sold out. Jaime and the board gave Grace a big thank you for all the she does for the branch!

The meeting was adjourned 12:05pm.