

Region 8 Steering Committee Meeting – Phone Bridge

November 14, 2008 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. (PST)

PRESENT: Kerry Kincannon (OR), Judi Haskins (MT), Nicole Kent (Communications), Keert Khangura (Budget), Karen Sullivan-Vance (past chair), Darren Francis (BC), Linda Hapsmith (AK), Steve Price (AB).

CONFERENCE UPDATE – Judi

Judi gave us an update on the upcoming April, 2009, regional conference:

- Deadline for proposals is out with a 1/15/09 deadline
- Committee members need to arrive Sunday night so we can meet on Monday
- Working on the possibility of charter transportation to the conference. Judi will update us at a later date if this appears to be feasible. Karen suggested carpooling/rideshare as an alternate
- Registration Fee is finalized and \$115

The group decided that we would like to offer scholarships again this year. Brett will review and update the application in preparation of us offering 10 scholarships. Both Charlie Nutt and Casey Self will be attending the conference from the national office. If you have ideas on what topics they can present, please get those to Brett or Judi so they can make contact.

REGION AWARDS – Kerry & Brett

Reviewed the program proposal that Kerry compiled. Kerry will make final additions to the document and email the committee one final draft before we get this online for the membership. We agreed upon complimentary membership for the top 4 award categories, with small tokens for certificates of merit to be decided based upon our resources each year. Each award winner will receive a certificate and plaque. Judi also suggested having a workshop at the conference to help attendees on 'how to apply for an award'. Kerry and Karen agreed to lead this workshop based upon their work on this at the national level. We decided that the award nominations would be due on February 1 each year.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES – Brett

We discussed the various vacancies on our steering committee. Brett will put out a call for nominations for our open positions. The group agreed to allow Sally Garner (OR) and Kurt Xyst (WA) to fill temporary positions until the elections.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE – Karen

Karen reported that membership was now up over 11,000 and that we had roughly 50 attendees at our Region 8 meeting (largest attendance to date). She also reported that the keynote had tremendous vocal abilities.

FUTURE MEETINGS – Agenda item for a future meeting is to discuss our “focus state” efforts

THE “WHO PROMISED WHAT WHEN” LIST (or Brett added a when)

ITEM	WHO	BY
Updated scholarship program description	Kerry	November 21, 2008
Call for nominations of steering committee	Brett	November 28, 2008
Awards program notification to membership	Nicole	December 12, 2008
Region Conference Scholarship notification out	Nicole	January 15, 2009
Logistics for submitting/reviewing award apps.	Brett/Nicole	November 28, 2008
Rubric for award program review	Karen/Kerry	December 12, 2008