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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY MARCH 5, 2021

### **2:00 PM**      *Meeting Brought to Order*

A quorum being present (Rachele Klein, Nate Francisco, Laureen Chaffin, Michelle Langdon, Jayson Lower, Ian Sutton, JP Phillips, Tim Davis, Stephen Freiberger, Tamzen Macbeth), Nate Francisco called the meeting to order at approximately 2:06 pm, and welcomed everybody to the Special Board meeting.

### **2:05 PM**      *Review/Approval of Previous Minutes*

Stephen Freiberger had minor comments that were emailed to Michelle to be incorporated.

Stephen Freiberger motioned for approval of minutes with incorporation of his comments.

Rachele second.

Approved.

### **2:10 PM**      *Spring Conference Discussion*

Jayson got info back from Four Moons production. He gave them a budget proposal for a 4-hour event in the range of \$4,000, to \$6,000 and they said they could do a lot for that. Health department had a virtual conference and had participation of 9 people which raised some concern for several board members that we might not have a very good turnout.

Nate proposed to send out a quick 1-question survey asking people if they would attend if we held a virtual conference on April 29<sup>th</sup> with 4 CEU's. Need to decide beforehand how many people would make it worthwhile to hold an event. Laureen presented that \$6,000 divided by \$175 (highest cost of spring conference ever) gives us 40 attendees to "break even". Minimum participation of 30 may be a good number. Overall, we need to make sure the participation is worth the effort of putting on the conference. Could maybe use presenters lined up for 2020 spring conference to help in planning. If we don't get enough people interested in the spring conference, then we could tag a day onto the fall conference and do presentations that extra day.

A question was posed: If we don't do a spring conference, will people want their money back? No one has heard of anyone wanting their money back so far. The fall conference would be free to attend in leu of the 2020 spring conference money.

It may be good to add a second question to the survey that asks how many CEU's do members need this year.

It was noted that people are reaching a line that they are tired of zoom meetings. Michelle's recent teaching experience feedback is that 3 hours in front of zoom was too much.

There was discussion on how long each session should be; 50-minute sessions or 30-minute sessions. Another option would be to do four 1-hour sessions over the course of April or an extended period. If this option was used, then a video platform would not be needed: Teams could just be used. The presentation could be from Teams or Zoom account (Tamzen has a Teams webinar platform that could be used that allows for registration and CEU's). It would be nice to have a moderator in case there are technical difficulties in this format.

With Tamzen's platform there can be multiple presenters that can go back and forth. Tamzen's company does webinar series almost every week and she just did one for the Airforce with over 300 people that worked well. Nate likes the idea and is willing to be a moderator if needed. On Tamzen's platform the audience can see the speakers or can do a panel discussion and people can see them. The presentation can also be seen if needed. A moderator monitors chat/questions and asks them of presenter or panelist at the end of the presentation. Group discussion led to a decision to do four 1-hour sessions (1 per month) starting in April. No vote was needed on this decision. Everyone is comfortable with direction of conference.

A question was posed about the proposed survey. Is it still needed? It may be good to change the survey so that it includes asking people what topics they like. After discussion it was decided that the questions for survey will be: 1) Will you attend? 2) How many CEU's do you need? And 3) Fill in on what kind of topics do you would like to see. Nate will send out the survey March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **2:40 PM      *Other Discussion***

### Medical Waste

Rachele said that Republic has had a lot of issues with untreated medical waste being delivered to transfer station and Ada County landfill. The Health Departments don't have the capacity to enforce the regulations prohibiting this. DEQ offered a MOU with health departments to enforce this. Is there value in this? Do we need to take this to the members? Is this just a localized issue or is it widespread? This seems to be causing big issues that are state-wide. Nate noted that they have this issue at SISW as well. Matt Beeter from DEQ gets calls regarding this issue this all the time but has no enforcement authority. It was suggested to assign a subcommittee under the legislative committee to participate and report back to board. The goal for subcommittee is to be involved and be in support of a MOU for DEQ to enforce this regulation.

Stephen motioned to form a subcommittee to look into medical waste disposal issues that will look into who is having the problems, what the problems are and to help the state come up with a plan or way to have the state enforce a program to address the issues.

Nate will appoint people to subcommittee.

Rachele second.

Approved.



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### Chronic Wasting

DEQ is looking for certain things that are done by a landfill if they accept animals with chronic wasting disease. SISW has an issue with this and a policy for handling these animals. Kootenai County deals with this also. If DEQ makes an official guidance on this then ISWA should be involved. Overall question is: are there enforcement issues like with medical waste. The overall consensus is no, there is not an enforcement issue. Enforcement is focused on taxidermists right now.

### Sharps

Rachele seeing a lot of sharps, especially in this agriculture state where farmers are vaccinating their own animals. Rachele is looking into possibly getting a grant to reach out to these agricultural businesses to get them to dispose of the sharps in another way. A lot of DEQ grants require the entity applying to be a non-profit. Would ISWA be interested in doing something like this in the future? Overall, yes that is part of our role. The question was posed if we should get a committee formed to go after grant program. Before a committee is formed, more information is needed. Rachele and Nate will work on a proposal of how a grant program would work at ISWA and discuss further at a future board meeting.

### Recording Meetings

Nate posed the question of recording the board meetings so that the Secretary could listen to the meeting after to take/supplement meeting minutes. It is difficult to participate in the meeting while taking minutes.

Jayson motioned to record meetings with the stipulation that after the minutes are approved the recording will be destroyed.

Laureen second.

Approved.

### Next meeting

A meeting should be held around the end of March/beginning of April..

Michelle will send a poll out to schedule that meeting.

Adjourned Meeting at 3:10 pm.