

Nevada State Elks Association



**NSEA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
ANNUAL CONVENTION
MESQUITE, NEVADA
April 24, 2014**

Advisory Board Members Present:

Gene Presnell, Gary Ferguson, Ted Balash, Marlen Hoesly, Larry O'Laughlin, Bien Decena, Ken Curto, Bob Morwick, Dee Boskie, Bill Seals, Jim Shirkey, Larry Rackley, Ken Catlin, Lee Butts

Guests: Jim Grillo, Hugh Scanlon

President Jim Shirkey called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM
Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Ted Balash reported the bank balance of \$2,102.72

Bill Cook could not attend for health reasons.

President Jim Shirkey turned the meeting over to our state sponsor Jim Grillo and JG asked for all in attendance to introduce themselves and tell about how they are doing personally as well as their family.

Those not here are Walt Graham, Bob Moore, Stan Stoll, Garth Phillips, Doug Tucker, Jim Smolenski, Jack Smith, Gary Sebade. Stan Thomas passed away this year.

Two members of the council that had not paid their dues ponied up \$40 each.

JG advised that Grand Lodge officers from Area 7 this year are Don Wagner, from Arizona, Leading Knight and Hugh Scanlon, from California, as Trustee.

Bob Morwick expanding on his role as Area 7 Fraternal Committeeman. His replacement will be Dee Boskie. Terms have been 2-3 years and GL may change to 4 year terms. Other Area 7 Committeeman are Government Relations, Bob Jarvis, Judiciary, Bob Duitsman, Ritual, Feryl Fitzgerald, Drug Awareness, Tim Jaeger and Hoop Shoot, Larry Torres.

JG made several comments on the need for experienced people to answer questions from lodges.

Lee Butts advised that the NSEA Historian position is not filled. Gene Presnell may do the job. JG advised that the incoming President should have all of the positions named by the November Mid-Term meeting for Advisory Council input. Should the positions be for a two year term? Some have been there for many years and should be rotated to allow for more members to be involved.

The Advisory Council and DL's should be picking/naming who should be "brought up" for committees. We need new involvement, new blood and input from the President-Elect. Committee chairs still report to the President. The President needs to ask each committee chairman for a report on what they are doing within 6 months from the start of the new lodge year.

Dee Boskie Report: His year has gone well, the investment program started in January and after initial investment fee and market adjustment, the balance is coming back up. Discussed that Al Bye is not at this convention due to a schedule conflict. Members cannot vote at business meeting if their lodge has not paid their per capita dues. The Newsletter Editor John Berg has resigned and the President is looking for a replacement. Each lodge should send their monthly newsletter to all of the NSEA lodges. For the two Drug Awareness trailers, the north trailer is getting a complete makeover with a "Wrap" with new information. It will look like new. The trailer insurance was found to be not paid and that is now being done. Visitations have been interesting and special. It has been an amazing year. The National Hoop Shoot contest was a great experience.

JG would like the Duties of the District Leader copied and distributed. The DL's should know their lodge ER's and should go to DD Visits which should be split between the DL's for attendance. They should take care of their own lodges and the others and they should not be there for many years. They should visit all of the lodges. The Special Deputy position should be for a 5-6 year term. Someday a PSP will replace the current SD. The DDD selection should be signed by both DL's then sent to the SD and Jim Grillo. Bob Morwick is going out as DL so there is an opening. Can a PDD be a DL and not just a PSP? JG says it does not have to be a PSP and would like to have two people named for DL to be sent to the SD and him which does not have to be a PSP. There will be no North/South anything and no North/South comments.

Hugh Scanlon talked about the Elks National Home and its proposed sale. It is not going as planned and therefore not done at this time. Hugh talked about the loss of membership nationally and how it hurts everybody but he thinks the loss is stabilizing.



JG advised that Leading Knight clinics should be inclusive of all officers of the lodge, all members, and all spouses, the SD, DD and DL's. Work that into the schedule.

JG on Ritual, he loves the ritual and because of GL it is now a mess. We have 5 lodges competing at this convention and all should be competing even if they have to read their part. He wants participation from all of the lodge with maybe two divisions, one for memory and one for reading. Only the memorization champion would go on to national competition.

JG stated that when we lose outstanding members because of winners/losers of a vote contest it is wrong. The Advisory Council should select officers and he will select from there.

President Jim Shirkey read the list of invited guests to this convention and discussed the upcoming meeting schedule. JS asked for approval of the last meeting minutes which the secretary had distributed to all members and copies were available. Larry O stated that at the last meeting there was discussion and a motion made by Marlen Hoesly on the meeting rotations and that was not in the minutes. The secretary pointed out to Larry O where that was in the minutes. The minutes were approved as distributed. JS listed those that have been nominated for office for this lodge year and VP and SMP Trustee were the only positions with more than one nomination. Ken Catlin stated that a letter was sent in for the nomination of Leroy Olsen for Trustee. That was not received by the Secretary nor the President of the Advisory Council.

There were comments made about the lodges sending in their list for elected delegate and representatives. At the start of this convention, 4 lodges had not sent in their lists. After being told that their lodges would not be voting at the business meeting, three of the four have given the secretary their list. One lodge list is still not submitted at this time.

The Tonopah convention agenda was discussed and needs some adjustment.

Larry O asked if the position of Advisory Council President was up for nomination and election. There was discussion as to if at the last election the President was elected for a three year term or for one year. Larry O said it was for one year. It was agreed that it was a three year term as of April 2013. The Treasurer and the Secretary have the same term.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted;

Larry Rackley, PSP

