

**NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION
PSP ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2017
CARSON CITY LODGE #2177**

ATTENDEES:

PSP: Jim Shirkey, PGE, SDGER; Bill Seals, PGE; Ted Balash, PGE, DL; Larry Rackley, DL; Bill Wiseman, DL; Gary Ferguson; Marlen Hoesly; Dee Boskie; Ken Catlin; Gene Presnell; Jim Smolenski, Ken Curto; Dave Pressler, NSEA SP; Bill Bohnett, NSEA PE, DL; Al Bye, NSEA VP

GUEST: Malcom J. McPherson Jr., GER; Jim Grillo PGER, NV Sponsor

DDGERS: Louis Martin, Jackie Edwards

LODGE REPRESENTATIVES: Bruce Lafferty, PER NSEA Photographer; (3) Boulder City Lodge Representatives; (2) Tonopah Representatives

Meeting called to order at 3:16 pm by President Ted Balash. Invocation was given by NSEA Vice-President Al Bye and Pledge of Allegiance led by NSEA President-Elect William Bohnett.

Introductions:

NSEA Vice-President Al Bye, Carson City Lodge #2177

NSEA President-Elect William Bohnett, North Las Vegas Lodge #2353

NSEA President David Pressler, Reno Lodge #597

Past Grand Esquire Bill Seals. Las Vegas Lodge #1468

Past Grand Esquire/SDGER Jim Shirkey, Reno Lodge #597

Advisory Council Officers:

Secretary Ken Curto PSP, Ely Lodge #1469

Treasurer Bill Wiseman PSP/DL, Henderson-Green Valley Lodge #2802

President Ted Balash PSP/DL/PGE Fallon Lodge #2239

Guests:

Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler/Nevada Jim Shirkey, Reno Lodge #597

PGER/Nevada Sponsor Louis (Jim) Grillo Stockton CA. Lodge #218

Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson Jr. Lyndhurst NJ. Lodge #1505

Reports:

Secretary Ken Curto read minutes of April 20, 2017 as distributed. There were no corrections and minutes approved as distributed. Treasurer Bill Wiseman reported a balance of \$2,682.17 with income of \$340.00 for a total of \$3,022.17.

Executive Director Ted Balash of SMP reported that as of October 31, 2017 there was Allocation account of \$67,112.17; DSIP Managed account of \$600,738.56; Command Account for Business of \$552,418.14 with a total of \$1,220,268.87 in the State Major Project account. The SMP Trustees are in the process of upgrading the Nevada Elks Major Project Inc. accounting system by adding GL Chart of Account numbering, developing investment policy, drafting proposed amendments to SMP by-laws and opening a new non-profit,

interest bearing checking account. Also reported was that Chairman Steve McBride resigned due to personal reasons and Vice-Chairman Don Coleman now fills the chairman position. NSEA SP Pressler appointed PER Pam Shirkey to fill McBride's unexpired term.

Treasurer Bill Wiseman also reported that some members have not paid their dues and there may be some members in care facilities. They will not be dropped from membership.

Reports on State Convention and Mid-Terms:

PER Bruce Lafferty and Tonopah representatives presented paperwork for the April 19-22, 2018 annual convention in Tonopah, NV. Representatives from Boulder City Lodge #1682 presented paperwork on the November 15-18, 2018 Mid-Term convention. PSP Ken Curto presented paperwork on the April 25-29, 2019 annual convention. PER Lafferty also said he would send a PDF on the Tonopah convention to NSEA Webmaster Bill Wiseman.

Grand Lodge Conventions:

2018 July 1-4	San Antonio, TX.
2019 June 30-July 3	St. Louis, MO.
2020 July 5-8	Baltimore, MD.
2021 July 4-7	Tampa, FL.

NSEA Officers to be elected:

President William Bohnett North Las Vegas #2353 already elected
President-Elect, nominations from the North District
Vice-President, nominations from the South District
4-year State Trustee, nominations from the North District
3-year SMP Trustee, nominations from the South District

Letters have been received from Lodges recommending:

Albert Bye for NSEA President-Elect from Carson City #2177
Dom Buffamonte for NSEA Vice-President from North Las Vegas #2353
Carlos Medina Jr. for NSEA Vice-President from Boulder City #1682
Rick Stone for NSEA 4-year Trustee from Reno #597
No names submitted for SMP 3-year Trustee

Unfinished Business:

2017 Grand Lodge Local Convention chairman PSP Dee Boskie reported on the Grand Lodge activities. He complimented all who worked during the convention and said there were 7,006 registered Elks at the annual convention. There were 176 volunteers for Nevada that worked for an entire year and they were given \$28,000 in seed money of which only \$23,000 was spent. The NSEA was repaid the seed money of \$28,000 plus an additional \$8,400 in profits earned.

Vice-President Al Bye reported on the SMP D&O insurance and annual audit review. He said the SMP now has an accounting system and the D&O insurance has been purchased. The D&O is in the formative stages and no checks have been written.

New Business:

The April convention date was changed to the fourth week in April starting in April of 2019. The State Directory lists Henderson-Green Valley as the 2018 Mid-Term location and Boulder City Lodge should be the correct lodge. Any changes to the State Directory should be sent to Editor Ron Douglas and NSEA Webmaster Bill Wiseman via email.

SDGER Jim Shirkey spoke on the meeting times for convention committee meetings. He wants to talk to the State Trustees and SMP Trustees for definite meeting times and he suggested that the State President and not the hosting lodge will set the meeting times and agendas. PGER Grillo asked if the NSEA has a meetings committee. Certain meetings need to be at a certain time and there should be a state committee in charge of those meetings.

NSEA President Dave Pressler spoke on the role of the Past State Presidents and the needs of the lodges. There is a small number of Lodges that are hanging on by their teeth in the NSEA. Some Exalted Rulers don't have the leadership qualities they need. These Lodges and officers need help and training if they and their lodges are to survive. NSEA President Pressler said there are PSP who are doing nothing and not helping their Lodges and many Lodge officers don't have a clue what is going on at the NSEA conventions. He encouraged lower level officers to attend the NSEA meetings and the Lodges need to get back to the ritual or we are all in trouble. He said we need to figure out how to get financial assistance to smaller Lodges and to help Laughlin and Great Basin Lodges with a facility or meeting place. He talked about additional funding for the NSEA with postage, ink, etc. He said that additional money needs to be given to future State Presidents for their year as the amount in the NSEA budget is not giving sufficient. On the subject of NSEA hospitality rooms at Grand Lodge conventions, he said that Nevada's rooms have been an embarrassment. The NSEA needs a decent hospitality room like the neighboring states in Area 7. No one knows we are Elks when we visit the hospitality rooms at a Grand Lodge convention.

Good of the Order:

There were remarks from PGER/Nevada Sponsor Jim Grillo. PSP Marlen Hoesly asked if the Grand Lodge would consider a loan fund for the Laughlin or Great Basin Lodges. PGER/Nevada Sponsor Grillo said it has been considered and talked about. There was discussion on an Area 7 representative to Grand Lodge and Area 7 states competing to be the Area 7 winner for the ritual competition in the future. PGER Grillo said he was encouraged to see the general membership at the NSEA State Trustee and SMP Trustee meetings. The District Deputies from the North and South and District Leaders were asked to remain and report on their Lodges and districts. District Deputies Jackie Edwards and Lou Martin reported on their respective Lodges and the District Leaders were asked for comments on their districts.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm by President Ted Balash.

Respectively Submitted,

Ken Curto

Ken Curto PSP
Advisory Board Secretary