

# Nevada State Elks Association

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## **NSEA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Annual Mid-Term Convention Meeting Reno, Nevada November 20, 2015**

Advisory Board Members Present:

Gene Presnell, Gary Ferguson, Ted Balash, Marlen Hoesly, Ken Curto, Dee Boskie, Bill Seals, Jim Shirkey, Larry Rackley, Ken Catlin, Bill Wiseman, Al Bye, Dave Pressler, Stan Stoll, Jim Smolenski

Guests: Bill Bohnett, Dan Wells, George Montgomery, Dom Buffamonte, PGER Jim Grillo, GER Ronald Hicks

President Ted Balash called the meeting to order.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Introductions were made by Ted Balash.

The minutes of the April Advisory Board meeting in Hawthorne were posted in April 2015, The minutes as posted were approved.

Bill Wiseman reported the bank balance of \$2,542.73

Bill Bohnett presented preliminaries on the next Annual Convention to be held in North Las Vegas. Bill spoke on the convention and the agenda. The hotel will be the Plaza Hotel.

Laurie Wall, Pahrump ER, reported on the 2016 Mid-Term Convention to be held in Pahrump at the Holiday Inn. Dates are set at November 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Wells presented preliminaries for the 2017 NSEA Annual Convention to be held in Gardnerville.

President Ted listed the names given him so far for those that will be on the ballot for election to office at the NSEA April 2016 Annual Convention.

NSEA President Elect - Dave Pressler, Reno Lodge 597  
NSEA Vice President – Russ Childers, Las Vegas 1468  
NSEA Vice President – William Bohnett, North Las Vegas 2353  
NSEA Secretary – Shaaron Snead, Tahoe/Douglas 2670  
NSEA Treasurer – John Louritt, Tahoe/Douglas 2670

NSEA Treasurer – Dereck Duncan, Las Vegas 1468

NSEA 4 Year Trustee – Sue Catlin, Fallon 2239

## NEW BUSINESS

The topic of having the Mid-Term Conventions at a lodge close to an airport was raised. This would make it easier for the visiting Grand Exalted Ruler to get to the meeting location easier than making a four to five hour drive. A motion was made by Gary Ferguson and seconded by Stan Stoll to have the conventions close to an airport.

### Discussion:

Gary spoke on the issue and to have the NSEA as the Convention Committee and to have any profits go to the NSEA.

Marlen H stated we should continue as is as he appreciates going to the smaller lodges.

Ken Curto stated we should continue as is if a lodge can afford to do it.

Jim Shirkey said small lodges like Tonopah and Ely only have 1 or 2 people attend conventions.

Jim Grillo spoke on pluses for keeping a convention within 1 hour of an airport

Bill Seals – Bring the GER a day early for drive to a lodge.

GER Ronald Hicks stated he could have been here a day early but that makes his return trip longer.

Dee Boskie – consider eliminating lodges with long drives such as Ely, Tonopah, Laughlin, Hawthorne and Elko.

Rackley advised the group that Elko has daily commercial airplane service into the Elko airport.

Jim Shirkey stated that smaller lodges use hotels for everything and should not do a convention.

Dave Pressler stated that the motion should say Reno or Las Vegas area lodges.

Marlen made a motion to amend the original motion to be lodges within 1 ½ hours' drive from an airport.

The amendment passed followed by a vote on the motion which passed.

Bill Wiseman stated that the scholarship procedure methods needs to be set and we need to make the process with “no deferments” religious or military and no deferments at all.

For the Vocational Scholarship we need to eliminate the part that the scholarship is available only to a senior in high school. There is a draft document on the web-site.

Marlen H made a motion to approve the draft document followed by a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Dave Pressler. Motion passed.

Changes to the The Policy and Procedures Manual is also on the website and a motion was passed to adopt as published.



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Ted Balash reported a balance of \$1,076,626 in the State Major Project account. This is \$15,568 more than this time last year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Larry Rackley, PSP  
Advisory Board Secretary

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted;

Larry Rackley, PSP

