



**NSEA Past State President's
Advisory Council Minutes**
Annual Meeting Boulder City, NV
Held at Boulder Creek Golf Club



President: William "Bill" Wiseman, PSP, DL
Secretary: William "Bill" Bohnett, PSP, DL
Treasurer: Albert "Al" Bye, PDDGER, SP

Date: April 22, 2022 **Call to Order:** 1:20pm **By:** President Bill Wiseman

Invocation: Frank Reynolds III **Pledge:** Debbie Oskin

All Advisory Board Officers in Attendance

Members in Attendance: Bill Wiseman, Ted Balash, Al Bye, Russ Childers, Jim Shirkey, Marlon Hoesly, William Bohnett, Gene Presnell, Dee Boskie, Dave Pressler, Ken Curto, Gary Ferguson,

Guests in Attendance: James Grillo PGER, Area 7 Sponsor, Bill Wiseman, Area 7 GL Activities Committee Chairman, Special Deputy GER Nevada Jim Shirkey, Chris Coyer PER, Dan Wells SP, Debbie Oskin SPE, Frank Reynolds III SVP, CHEA President Brad Smith, UEA President Elect Eric Crocker, Kris Weiland, AEA 1st Vice President Mike Weishman

Minutes of the Previous Session: Nov, 2022 Minutes - Motion to Approve – Marlon Hoesly, Seconded – Dave Pressler. APPROVED as published on the NSEA Website.

Treasurer's Report: Board Treasurer Al Bye reported the following:
Begin: \$2933.32 Checking. All members dues paid

Sickness & Distress: Wiseman reported we lost 2 PSPs. Bob Morwick, and Bill Seals. Wiseman eulogized both gentlemen. Moment of silence was observed.

Upcoming Annual and Mid-Term Meeting Presentations:

Las Vegas Elks Host Recap Chris Coyer, PER represented Las Vegas Lodge. The convention was a success. Meals, meetings, and hospitality was "a wash." The Bar was a money maker. Many volunteers are to be recognized. The main focus of his report discussed the processes of having an outside representative coordinate and negotiate the lodging facilities. President Wiseman thanked the Las Vegas Committee for their presentation.

Midterm in Tahoe/Douglass in 2022. Dan Wells. Carson Valley Inn rooms are blocked. Still mostly in the preliminary stages. Working on trying to keep meal costs down. We are in place. Wiseman requested packets a.s.a.p. Wells stated a packet will be in place in two months. Chris Coyer will mention to his business partner who knows the owner of CVI, and see if there's some "wiggle room" in the room pricing.

Upcoming Grand Lodge Conventions: Report by Wiseman

2022 July 3-6	Atlanta, GA
2023 July 2-5	Minneapolis, MN
2024 July 3-6	Austin, TX

NSEA Officer Positions to be nominated and balloted at the April 2022 Meeting in Reno:

- 1.) NSEA President – Deb Oskin PDDGER, Mesquite
- 2.) NSEA President Elect Frank Reynolds, Reno
- 3.) NSEA Vice President from North District – Rick Stone PDDGER, Reno, & Mary Wells PER, TD
- 4.) NSEA Vice President from South District – Don Wolf PDDGER, LV, & Ross Dyer PDDGER NLV
- 5.) NSEA 4 Year Trustee North District – John Whitesides PSP Reno
- 6.) NEMPI 3 Year Trustee – South District – Marlon Hoesly PSP.

Wiseman reported - All above have distributed nomination letters to the Lodges. This year, being the first year of having a VP from each district, all delegates will vote for all candidates of their choosing. Beginning next year the districts will decide on a VP to be a part of the “VP Pool.”

Unfinished Business:

At our last meeting Wiseman appointed a committee to look at all aspects of “standardizing” our convention needs, and the possibility of regular meeting event centers.

They are: Dee Boski PSP, Reno from the North. Chris Coyer PER, Las Vegas from the South. Dee Boski reported his findings when discussing scheduling with hotels in the North, they were hesitant committing due to our ambiguous commitments. Some hotels don’t have the facilities. Some want to use their facilities for banquets, meetings, etc. (*Wiseman reminded the staffing for these conferences should “ideally” be employees handling all functions. Except registration, coordination, and non-hotel tasks.*) Boski stated he wants to get with CHEA and AEA on how they do their conventions. (*Grillo discussed that the other states have formed ongoing convention committees and offered we try to form one. Grillo also stated if it will help to add the remote Nevada lodges as convention candidates, he will inform the GERs to add a day to their travel itinerary. CHEA President Brad Smith discussed his hardships when planning CHEA Conventions. The changing environment is always a work in progress.*) Dee added that all the Reno area hotels have raised costs across the board.

Chris Coyer discussed the better opportunities of the hotels in South as he has a friend who professionally plans these types of conventions. He coordinated our last midterm at the Ahern last November. This person’s job is to negotiate. There are many options other than just

Ahern, and this person can negotiate for north hotels as well. This person will negotiate at no cost. *(Wiseman gave Boski and Coyer more time to continue working and negotiating and come back with a written report.)* The consensus was this gentleman can work to get next April's convention in moving. "Preferably at Ahern" per Wiseman. Motion by Presnell to accept the continuation of using Coyer's friend as our convention negotiator for the upcoming April 2023 at the Convention in the south at Ahern, and possibly all conventions in the NSEA. This event and future conventions will handle all convention events within their control. Elk volunteers will handle registration, packets, etc. Seconded by Oskin. Motion carried. (Note: The consensus by all was that ALL members wanting to help on this committee, titles or not, be a part of this committee)

Dave Pressler stated his concerns in regards to the costs to all Lodges sending a Ritual Team to the Nevada and GL conventions, and we need to start thinking of how we can supplement these costs. No action was taken.

New Business:

Wiseman discussed the NSEA committees to fall under the respective NSEA President, and President Elect. Since the VPs will now be at District levels the details need to be hashed out determining their role, if any, in regards to managing certain committees. Wiseman and Shirkey to discuss further and come back with suggestions. No action taken, but will remain a front-burner issue.

Wiseman discussed the selection practices of future VP candidates. Wiseman and Shirkey stated their desires to caucus at the district level to recruit VPs prior to the NSEA convention. Various discussion transpired. Consensus was to select the District VPs at the same selection caucus as the DDGERs in the North and South. Wiseman asked all to "think about it" but we need to get it resolved at the midterm in November in regards to the process and criteria for District VP selection. A bylaw change will also need to be revised.

Concerns by Grillo were conversed regarding a standardized convention agenda for both the April and November NSEA meetings. Wiseman reminded all these standards are written and need to be used and referred to.

Good of the Association: *Wiseman asked for comments from our distinguished guests and members in attendance. They were:*

Brad Smith, 1st Vice CHEA. Greetings from California and Hawaii. “I see great things here. My wife and I overwhelmed at the friendliness. Special thanks to our escorts the Coyer’s. Thank you from Mesquite Lodge Gold Association for their donation to the CHEA Major Project.”

Eric Crocker, 1st Vice, AEA. “My comments are similar to Brad’s. I’m taking back some excellent ideas.”

Wiseman discussed the GL Activities Committee is actively working through the Scouting sponsorship issues, as well as ongoing youth activities used in our Order. Policies are working out “legally,” and a more solid direction will be implemented soon. Probably at GL in Atlanta.

Shirkey mentioned he is discussing issues with other Area 7 Special Deputies in regards to many issues and procedures that could benefit Nevada. The most pressing being how the VP selection and criteria is implemented in their respective states. He will dissect and write down these procedures for Advisory Board consumption.

Grillo discussed his pleasure that the neighboring 1st Vices are invited to see the way “things are done in other states.” He then commented on the Sponsors Meeting held earlier today. “Nevada has some problems. The format of this meeting will change from just having the DDGERS and DLs in attendance, to also invite lodges with issues to attend this meeting. This is to be organized through the DLs. Members from the lodges on the agenda will be welcome. GL is creating an Elks App. Any thoughts? Please bring them to me and I will relay.”

Adjournment by Wiseman: Approx. 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bohnett

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