



Council Conference Call Minutes February 23rd, 2009 10:00 AM -11:15 AM

Attendance

George Goldsmith
Angie Decker
Sharon Connor
Lorraine Arrow
Wayne Rabideau
Deb Hutchins
Susan Hager
Suzanne Maloney

Call Convened 10:00 AM

1. Suzanne reported on the status of the Applications:
 - 116 statewide applications approved,
 - 125 local applications approved,
 - 47 statewide applications denied and,
 - 20 local applications denied.
 - All notifications have gone out.
2. Suzanne Reported on the Recertification Form, Cover Letter, and Instructions.
 - Form, cover letter and instructions are now all on the website.
 - 628 charities were notified by email,
 - 206 were notified by snail mail,
 - Issues with electronic distribution have been users have to update their Adobe Acrobat in order to access the form, some end users email software displays the letterhead separately from the text which shows up on the second page so they have to page down further, and end user not reading the whole letter to find their password which is in the body of the text.
3. Lorraine Arrow spoke about her committee removing charities for lack of contribution activity as per the regulations.
 - Susan Hager stated that the regulations stipulate that a charity can no longer get undesignated funds if they are not getting designations.
 - George felt that their needed to be a clearer process to this type of decision. Asked Suzanne to research the issue further.
 - Discussion on this topic is postponed until the next scheduled conference call.
4. Wayne Rabideua discussed his committee trying to work with charities to get those that did not recertify last year to do so this year and those that missed that opportunity to re apply.

5. SEFA Council Membership Support Policy
 - A draft policy was put before the Council for discussion,
 - A concern was expressed that 45 days before the annual campaign was not early enough, the time frame should be within the first quarter, no later than March 31st of each year. This would give the Council enough time to make a determination.
 - The hardship request should be within the only in the NYS SEFA Campaign.
 - George and Suzanne will make changes to the draft policy and get back to the Council with it for the next call.
6. OGS
 - Application review and recertification – in the case of Charities that are listed with the same EIN and Charities Registration Number they need only provide one recertification.
 - It is agreed that 1/3 participants each year will be recertified over the next three years to ensure they are all recertified appropriately.
7. Discussion still needs to cover Distribution of undesignated funds and Criteria for statewide and international charities.

George motioned to conclude
Lorraine Arrow Seconded
All Aye
Convened 11:30 AM