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## Statewide SEFA Council

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### **SEFA Statewide Council Meeting – February 16, 2017, via conference call**

Council members present: Cornelia Mead, Furn Lorento, Bill Ferguson, Nick LaMorte, Kathryn Pantaleo (alternate), Scott Ray.

1. In Tom's absence, Cornelia Mead called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm
2. Approval of Minutes from December meeting (thanks to Furn for taking the notes). Moved by Nick LaMorte, seconded by Scott Ray to approve the minutes with no changes, motion carried.
3. (No report from the Chair)
4. Council Leadership Vote - The officers nominated at the last meeting were Tom Wickerham for Chair, Caroline Westbrook for Vice Chair, and Cornelia Mead for Secretary. Tom has been in touch with nominees who all agreed to serve. Bill Ferguson moved to accept all nominations, seconded by Furn, motion carried.
5. Finance Committee Report - Bill Ferguson
  - a. UWGCR presented an invoice for December of \$12,265.78, the finance committee has reviewed and recommends approval. Cash on hand, not including Nov or Dec invoices is \$19,336.48. After both invoices are paid, and after receivables are posted the 2016 budget surplus is \$1316.66. This will be rolled over and credited to the 2017 assessment via formula. Bill moved, and Furn seconded to approve paying the December invoice, motion carried.
  - b. The finance committee continues to work on the 2017 budget as proposed by UWGCR. The proposed budget is up 4% from last year. Meanwhile, preliminary campaign results so far show over 5% decline in revenue. The committee will be meeting and hopes to present the budget at March 15th meeting. Committee budgets have already been requested to be submitted to Laurelee by March, and Bill advised that committees should use a 4% increase as a guide for planning purposes.
6. Director's Report: Laurelee Dever
  - a. Applications have been sent out to almost all committees - 187 total new applications total. Committees are making decisions. Laurelee noted that the file format is difficult to review, she's working to streamline that for next year.
  - b. Code of ethics - will be sending forms for Council members to complete.
  - c. E-pledge - has been closed down for the year. Was successful, will discuss and get feedback from coordinators on their call next week. Some enhancements might be helpful - creating a committee to look into this (volunteers for the committee: Millie Lucas, Tom Connors, Sheila O'Connor, maybe also Tom Wickerham). Laurelee will schedule a meeting.
  - d. Also working with OSC to get an updated list of agency codes.

e. Laurelee reported she had been approached by SECA - the SEFA-equivalent from Pennsylvania, to share info. Concern from some Council members as to whether we can share campaign info, decided she would check with OGS to make sure it's ok.

f. Planning face to face meeting in Albany Thursday March 16.

g. Question about SEFA payout to local unaffiliated agencies - we decided last August how to handle this, but apparently not completely understood. Council will be making a resolution about this.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cornelia Mead