SEFA Council Meeting Monday January 14, 2013 (conference call)

Council members present on the call: Jessica Wangelin, Kathryn Pantaleo, Furn Lorento, Cornelia Mead, Maria Harple, Wayne Rabideau, Nick LaMorte, Caroline Westbrook

Coordinators & Federation Representatives Present on the call: Ken Holmes, Joseph Guastella, Craig Collie, Curt Bailey, Kathy Snow, Cynthia Eberhart, Sophie Jouben, Tobi Darrah, Sheila O’Connor, Marilyn Wilson, Rodney Young/Marge McDuffey, Jack Goldstein, Cindy Tarleton, Meredity Jones, Regina Hendrix, Tom DeCoursey.

1. Roll Call (Suzanne Maloney) and Welcome (Nick LaMorte)
   a. meeting convened the meeting at 1:39 pm

2. Approval of minutes of December 17, 2012
   a. Request that Suzanne sign the minutes as she prepared them in the secretary’s absence
   b. Moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to adopt the 12/17/12 minutes.

3. Vote to seat the Council
   a. Nick, Caroline, Kathryn, Furn, Maria, Marilyn and Jessica have received support from their Committees.
   b. Moved, seconded and agreed to seat these Council members.
   c. Some Council members have not yet received their Committee approval: Cornelia, Wayne, and Cherice. They will have to be voted in at a later meeting once their committees act.
   d. We still have a Council vacancy in Region 5 – Westchester, Orange.

4. Statewide SEFA Council Orientation
   a. Suzanne planned to schedule orientation conducted by attorney Dave Watson since he “knows the Regs.” However he’s not available.
   b. Question – is Dave Watson still our attorney? Nick will look into this.
   c. Question of legal representation tabled – we do not have an approved MOU with EarthShare yet.

5. Assessments:
   a. Confusion over the listing of “Northern NY – St Lawrence” balance owed – Nick asked that they straighten this out with Suzanne, off the call.


7. Reminder to send Suzanne copies of Committee by-laws.

8. Application Update
   a. Suzanne reported that 25 applications have come in so far; it should pick up later.

9. Campaign update – Suzanne has requested final Campaign Reports by January 31st.
   a. Capital Region reported that they are down about $150,000 from last year, and last year they were down $500,000 from the year before.
10. New Business
   a. In the Newsletter there is a new office location listed – has the SEFA office moved? Is this a possible location to hold meetings in? No – Suzanne is telecommuting from home, she has a new phone and mailing address, but it is just a mailing address.
   b. Meeting Dates – Joe G. would like the Council to consider holding a September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cornelia Mead, secretary.

(revised 2/28/13)