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### SEFA Conference Call 2/20/2014

Attendees: Council members present on the call: Pete Decicco, Nick LaMorte, Furn Lorento, Cornelia Meade, Tom Wickerham, Caroline Westbrook, Scott Ray, Matthew Ecker

Council members absent from the call: Cherice Granger,

Staff: Suzanne Maloney

Nick called the meeting to order 1:35 PM

Nick thanked those on the call.

Nick announced that the Statewide SEFA Council has approved the proposed 2014 budget. The Council also extended the MOU with Earthshare for one year, stipulating that we continue to get regular financial reports and that Earthshare continues to live up to the MOU. The Council also voted on this year's Leadership – Nick to continue as Chair, Caroline Westbrook Vice Chair, Cornelia Mead continue as secretary

We have some new Council members, but there are still some vacant chairs to fill. New members include Matthew Ecker from Region 2 (Central NY), Tom Wickerham Region 1 (Buffalo), Scott Ray from Capital region.

Joe Guastella requested that Council budget be sent out to constituencies, and that Committees see a spreadsheet of what their obligations are.

Suzanne announced that the Council has been reviewing regulations recently – Suzanne sent out a copy – this is an opportunity for all stakeholders to look closely at the regulations, as well as the Council by-laws. It was noted that the address needs to be corrected on the first page of the by-laws.

Recertification: February 15 through May 15, 2014

Process – The form is posted on the website for unaffiliated charities to recertify. A form for Federations and another for their members is sent to the Federations for use in recertifying themselves and their members. In addition a spreadsheet template is provided to the Federations for their use in providing the Council their data.

Applications - More than 600 application emails were received. Most of them used the unaffiliated application form on the web site, though many belonged to federations.

Suzanne will post spreadsheets on "DropBox" for each area coordinator to check.

Applications – still working on this. Checking for duplicates, checking for new applications from charities who previously participated but failed to recertify, etc.

Date for review of applications by local committees – before March 13<sup>th</sup>. So Council can review before its next meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Concern that this is short notice for committees to plan and schedule meetings.

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Suzanne said she is going as fast as she can, but trying to meet dates in the regulations.

Nick noted that the coordinators had a conference call before this general call, and that was a good idea that gave an opportunity to clear up questions in advance.

Suzanne is planning webinars on the application process for the unaffiliated charities. Will be sending out emails letting them all know recertification process is underway.

Council members will be providing bios, which will be shared.

Report on the subcommittee exploring the issue of multiple listing of chapters, offices and statewide organizations. Now that we have a single brochure, these duplications are more obvious to us. Still a work in progress, working on a way of handling to this. Still a research project at this stage.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm  
Cornelia Mead, Secretary