## **Statewide SEFA Council**



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SEFA Statewide Council Meeting – March 19, 2020 via teleconference. Members Attending: Tom Wickerham, Bill Ferguson, Caroline Westbrook, Cornelia Mead; Also attending: Alicia Otis from UWGCR

- 1. Approval of Feb Minutes: Bill Ferguson moved, Cornelia seconded to approve Feb minutes with no changes, motion carried.
- 2. Finance Committee report
  - a. Bill Ferguson presented pending invoices for Jan and Feb, the finance committee met Wed 3/11 and 3/17 and reviewed and recommended Council approval of both invoices. The Feb bank balance is sufficient to pay both invoices. Motion by Bill Ferguson, seconded by Cornelia Mead to pay the invoices, motion carried.
  - b. Bill reported that on March 11, the finance committee also addressed the 2020 budget. Last year's campaign 4.2 Million, this year 3.6 M, about 14% decrease, that needed to guide our budget proposal. He presented a document showing the 2020 budget side-by-side with the 2019 budget. The proposed budget (at \$91,910) is about a 5% reduction from last year's budget (\$97,043).
  - c. Also, since there were \$11,907 in unspent funds from last year, which will be credited back to the locals and reduce the amount that the locals will need to raise from assessments, the effective budget will be an 18% reduction for them.
  - d. Bill moved that the Council adopt the budget. Cornelia second. Motion carried.
- 3. Update from the Director Alicia
  - a. New statewide applications Alicia reported that she's still waiting for one council member to approve their batch of applications. Tom promised to follow up, he stressed the importance of getting these done on time.
  - b. Alicia reported she is working on applications mostly now. When all is in, will send out single large document for everyone's review
- 4. Report from the Chair Tom
  - a. New/revised regs Tom forwarded revisions to OGS Commissioner DeStito for her review. Hope this is reviewed and returned soon, it's been almost two years.
    - i. Big changes include:
      - 1. Recertification streamlined a simple compliance statement
      - 2. Continuous giving pledge can continue year to year.
  - b. Also continuing to urge the re-activation of the Cabinet
- 5. Meeting adjourned 2:30 pm

Cornelia Mead, Secretary