

Nebraska Blind Licensees Special Committee Meeting

Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

4600 Valley Rd. Suite 100

Lincoln, NE 68510

January 18, 2018

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair Ross Pollpeter at 10:09 am.

Board Members in attendance: Acting Chair Ross Pollpeter, Secretary Andrea Chizek, Alex Curtis and Chris Nolan

Blind Licensees in attendance: Jason Thompson

Licensees on conference call: Dave Johnson, Antonio Aguilar

NCBVI Staff in attendance: Carlos Servan and Carrie DeFreece

Prospective Vendors: Ronnie Kellogg

Guests: Deb Nolan, Mark Bulger – NCBVI Commissioner on conference call

Open Meeting Act:

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was available. The Notice of the Meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald, NCBVI Website, and NFB Newsline®. The Notice was also sent to the NCBVI List Serve.

This was a special meeting of the committee called in response to resignation of Chairperson Sandy Alvarado. A fourth agenda item was added to include election of a new committee member.

1. Accept resignation of Committee Chair

Discussion was held that due to family health issues, Sandy Alvarado has resigned her position as chair of the Committee and will step down from her vending sites February 28, 2018. In her absence, Ross Pollpeter will serve as the Acting Chairperson until a new appointment is made. Sandy thanked the Committee for allowing her to serve and stressed that she does want to remain active with the Committee meetings and trainings. Ross thanked her for her service, being a mentor and for always being there for him. A formal vote was not necessary to accept the resignation.

2. Election of a new committee member

Jason Thompson is the only licensee that issued his name for nomination to the Committee. A discuss was held regarding proper procedure for election and it was determined that a ballot will be sent to all licensed vendors and voting could take place via mail, email or phone. A new committee member will be accepted at the March 3, 2018 meeting after all ballots have been received by the SLA and counted.

3. Election of New Committee Chair

A discuss was held regarding proper procedure for appointing a new Chairperson. It was determined that the Committee would elect officers immediately following the March 3, 2018 meeting after a full Committee is in place. Until that time, Chris Nolan has agreed to serve as Acting Vice-Chair.

4. Discuss all-day training for March Quarterly meeting

Carrie DeFreece recommended that since Terry Smith from the NABM will be traveling to Nebraska to offer a half-day of training in March, the Committee should consider making it a full day of training and bringing in Exhibitors to provide additional training and information. The exhibitors could pay a vending fee which could help with costs of the event and travel for licensees. A discussion

was held with many licensees offering a host of great recommendations and changes. Alex Curtis moved that the full-day of training would be offered in late May or early June. Chris Nolan Seconded. Motion passed. Ross Pollpeter requested volunteers to assist on an ad hoc Planning Committee for the event. Carrie DeFreece from SLA staff, Sandy Alvarado, Ross Pollpeter, Andrea Chizek and Ronnie Kellogg all volunteered to serve on the planning committee. Additional discussions will be added to the agenda for the March meeting.

5. Other business

There was a brief discussion regarding the March meeting. The meeting will remain scheduled for 10 a.m. with a lunch break from 11:30- 1. Lunch will be ordered in and each person will be responsible for paying for their own lunch. Orders will need to be placed in advance and cash will need to be brought to pay for the food.

ADJOURN:

Andrea Chizek made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Chris Nolan seconded it and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41.m.

Next meeting:

Date: March 3, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: State Office Building, Omaha, Nebraska

Room: TBA