

MINUTES

Present: Donovan Larkins-NPLFN President, Rick Dinovo-NPLFN Vice President, Tom Snyder-Board Advisor, Brad Bergefurd-Board Advisor, Debbie Rausch-Board Advisor, Dave Hahn-Board Advisor, Kimberly Roush-Meeting Coordinator

Not Present: Leslie Schaller-Board Advisor, Chris Smalley-Board Advisor

I. Welcome

Online WebEx meeting opened by NPLFN President Donovan Larkins.

II. Previous Meeting Minutes

No Minutes of last meeting were presented.

III. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report was presented.

IV. Discussion

a) DISCUSSION ITEM: Number of board members for the cooperative board.

1. Moved, by Vice President Rick Dinovo and Seconded by President Donovan Larkins, the interim board will consist of five (5) members. It was unanimously approved.

i. RESOLUTION: Interim cooperative board will consist of five (5) voting members.

b) DISCUSSION ITEM: President Larkins' "Guidelines for Recruiting New Board Members" Draft document.

1. Confidentiality issues relating to board meeting activities.

i. RESOLUTION: The issue will be partially addressed by conducting two separate meetings: one executive committee and a separate all-inclusive team meeting.

2. Document editing.

i. RESOLUTION: President Larkins will give related feedback to the author for revision.

c) DISCUSSION ITEM: Tom Snyder's "Action Team and/or Board Member Sign-up Form" Draft.

1. Combine Action Teams 1 and 7.

2. Combine Actions Teams 2 and 4.

i. RESOLUTION: Tom Snyder will revise Form (combining 1&7 and 2&4) resulting in five (5) initial Action Teams with an option to expand the number of action Teams at a later date.

3. Reviewed list of potential board/team members.

- i. RESOLUTION: Invite all currently listed on Action Teams to attend the recruiting workshop.
 - ii. RESOLUTION: Individuals asked to send additional names (name, title, company name, mailing address, phone-business/cell, email address) of potential members to Kimberly Roush at roush.143@osu.edu by Friday, April 22.
 - iii. RESOLUTION: Tom Snyder will email/call to extend personal invitations to everyone on the final invitation list.
 - d) DISCUSSION ITEM: Tom Snyder's "Local Foods and Work Force Development Efforts in Distressed Regions Workshop" Flyer Draft.
 - 1. Panel Presentations
 - i. RESOLUTION: Flyer was accepted as presented with the exception of removing the panel presenter names from the schedule – leaving just the focused subject titles (if needed for early notification).
 - ii. RESOLUTION: Flyer also to be modified to reflect 1) How to increase revenues, 2) How to help people become employed, 3) How to distribute food to distressed/urban areas.
 - iii. Tom Snyder will contact panel members to confirm their availability.
 - 2. Revised Flyer
 - i. RESOLUTION: Tom Snyder will revise flyer and ready it for distribution by Friday, April 22, 2011.

V. Next Executive Board Meeting

- a) Scheduling Board Meetings
 - 1. Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. via online WebEx.
 - i. RESOLUTION: It was agreed that the executive board meetings will be scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of every month by WebEx from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 - ii. RESOLUTION: WebEx phone number and codes will be emailed to participants.

VI. Close