

Meeting of the Board of Directors of NCLDB
(via conference call)
February 22, 2005

Directors participating: Ron Stovitz (CA), John Van Bolt (MI), George Riemer (OR), Betty Branda (DC), Elaine Bixler (PA), and Karen Watkins (TX).

Others participating in the call: Gayle Vickers (TX), assistant secretary.

Those not participating: Sally Akins (GA), and Scott Drexel (CA) general counsel

I. Second Annual Meeting

- A. Update on concern about joint meeting. Mr. Grogan (current president of NOBC), having received information about lack of welcome independently of NCLDB board, called John this morning and was very apologetic about that lack of welcome. He was not present at the meeting and had turned responsibility for the welcome over to the program chair, who did not make it. John assured the group that NOBC's program chair for next year is more sensitive to this issue. He also added that NOBC's meeting space for this year was just less than the best, and that, as a result, there were not chairs for all of the NOBC members.

Betty pointed out that we carried out our part of the responsibility, but that the problems with materials not being available, for example, arose from problems on the NOBC end.

The group discussed possible programs for next year. Karen told the group that Donna Roberts was receptive to next year's attendees taking a field trip to her office and volunteered to provide information about their various IT resources, including cost.

Elaine reported that Joe suggested that we all try to stay at the same hotel. Need to explore the possibility of getting a meeting room and including hotel information in the notice letter.

Karen will attach a list of suggested topics to the minutes when circulating them. Karen also reported that one of the attendees included a suggestion in her evaluation that the program should be longer than one day to justify the significant travel expense. After the group briefly discussed the issue, George suggested an optional additional half-day, perhaps Friday morning after the full-day program on Thursday.

II. Membership dues.

Ron raised the issue of whether we ought to invoice directly for membership dues. Elaine asked if we have a payment of dues mechanism on the website. George will check. John says that he would never remember to remit the dues if he got no invoice, and he needs the documentation to obtain the funds. Others agreed with both of these observations.

George says we are in good shape on finances and will be solvent after all of the SLC expenses are paid. He will check to see which jurisdictions have paid their 2005 membership dues and work with Sally to invoice the rest.

III. Transition to new officers.

Ron will continue to participate in conference calls in his role of past president.

George apprised the group that application for 501(c)(3) status needs to be in by the end of March. He did not get an opportunity to talk with Scott about it at the meeting, but will follow up with him. Karen moved that there be a delegation of authority to individual directors to handle the matter; Elaine seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

George thinks that account will probably remain at the Oregon bank, but he will discuss with Sally. He'll also provide her with an accounting.

The group discussed the heretofore annual appointments to the positions of assistant secretary and general counsel. Ron expressed appreciation for Chris' work as assistant secretary and opined that she might be reappointed, but raised the issue of possibly needing to appoint a new general counsel because of Scott's steadily increasing responsibilities.

IV. No next conference is not scheduled; John will call the meeting when one is needed, which will be after Karen circulates a list of possible topics for future programs.