

Minutes of the National Association of Forensic Economics
Board of Directors Meeting
January 6, 2006 Boston, MA

Voting members attending: Frank Tinari, Tyler Bowles, Gary Skoog, Kurt Krueger, Steve Shapiro, Larry Spizeman, and Beth Gunderson. Also attending: George Schieren, Jack Ward, Allan McCausland, Ed Foster, and Stephen Horner

1. President Tinari began the meeting at 11:00 am and welcomed everyone.
2. It was moved and seconded (Krueger; Gunderson) that ***the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting July 23 – 24, 2004 be accepted***. The motion passed 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.
3. It was moved and seconded (Krueger, Gunderson) that ***the minutes of the electronic meeting of August 3, 2003 be approved***. The motion passed 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.
4. Schieren presented the financial statements for 2005. It was moved and seconded (Gunderson; Bowles) that ***the Board accepts the financial statements as presented***. The motion passed 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.
5. There was discussion about the possibility of raising annual dues, given the time that has passed since they were last increased. This will be considered at the summer 2006 Board meeting. There was discussion about how much NAFE should charge for conference papers after the meetings are concluded. No change in current policy was proposed. In conjunction with the possibility that future balloting might be done electronically, subject to Bylaws revision, Tinari agreed to find out how NAFE might get an email address book of all members from Allen Press.
6. Because of the low interest rate currently being earned by NAFE's certificate of deposit, It was moved and seconded (Gunderson; Krueger) that ***the Board authorizes Schieren, in consultation with Tinari, to investigate, and possibly change the allocation and placement of NAFE's cash assets***. The motion passed 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.
7. Schieren announced the results of the recent election. Gary Skoog was elected President-Elect (term to begin January 2007), Ed Foster was elected Mid-western Vice-President for a three-year term (until 2009), and Chris Bruce was elected Western Vice-President for a three-year term (until 2009).
8. McCausland reported on the 2006 ASSA meeting. 60 binders were prepared for the four sessions. It was pointed out that President Tinari needed to appoint the chair(s) for the 2007 ASSA meetings as soon as possible. The deadline for papers for the ASSA is in June.
9. Bowles reported on the upcoming Western meetings. The WEAI meetings will be in San Diego. Anyone interested in being on the program is urged to contact Bowles or Chris Bruce.
10. Krueger reported that the 2005 Southern Economic Association meeting held in Washington was very successful, with 23 binders handed out. The 2006 meetings will be in Charleston, South Carolina.
11. Spizman reported that the NAFE sessions at the 2006 Eastern Economic Association meeting are set (two paper sessions and two others) and will be on February 24 and 25.

12. Krueger reported that the Missouri Valley Economic Association meeting had sparse attendance for the NAFE sessions. The 2006 status of NAFE participation is not known yet.
13. Rodgers reported that the Winter NAFE meeting scheduled for Cancun has been canceled due to hurricane damage in the area.
14. Ward reported that the NAFE International meeting held in Dublin, Ireland in May, 2005 was well attended with 16 participants. The 2006 meeting will be in Florence, Italy, and has room for additional participants.
15. Shapiro reported that the *JFE* is doing well with three issues per year – about what the *JFE* can sustain, and that past issues are now on the NAFE website (excluding the four most recent issues).
16. Horner reported that the Bylaws Committee (Horner, Skoog, Slesnick) is reviewing the bylaws and will have a report and recommendations for the Board of Directors at their summer meeting.
17. Gunderson reported that the Membership Committee (Gunderson, Barry Ben-Zion, and Stephanie Ricardo-Pearson) will present a report on ideas for increasing the size and diversity of the membership to the Board of Directors at their summer meeting.
18. Tinari reported that as of January 5, 2006, NAFE had 661 members, 16 individual subscribers, and 63 library subscriptions. He also reported that some price concessions for 2005 had been obtained from Allen Press in consideration of their mistakes in mailing renewal notices, and that all new forms, etc. had now been developed.
19. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
George A. Schieren, Executive Director
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