

NJEMA
EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2009

Attendance

The following members were present:

Barry Eck
Charlie Rogers
Mike Bascom
Howard O'Neil
Tom Horner
Margaret Murnane

Open issues

- a) Discussion of issues with general membership meeting in Paramus.
- b) Start looking for five or six restaurants around the state. Start looking for places that can accommodate our group size and stick with them. Consider size, price, and podium accommodation, etc.
- c) Opinion - About letter to go out. (We are looking at specifications for venues.) Barry will send letter for us to review.
- d) Speakers – Will be addressed at EB Meetings. (Who will be speaking at general membership dinner meetings.)
 - E-mail Adam Slutsky, current Chair for the NJAFM – Re: October 13th meeting
 - Barry - Weather specialist for 5 – 8 minutes
 - State Police (Only if they have something and want to speak, not a regular at meetings.)
- e) Howard – Christmas Party on Friday December 4th
- f) Awards Committee – Member of the Year
County of the Year
Any suggestions for award categories?

June mtg – appoint nominations committee

August meeting – accept nominations

Oct. meeting – Elections mtg

Sit down or buffet? Sit down dinners more streamlined than buffet.

- g) We need to get these Committees up and running. We are meeting as the EB but the Committees are not doing anything. So what we are looking to do is take a half a day and have the EB come in and discuss the direction of the association and the membership structure. We want to get together for half a day on a Saturday or Sunday, or a couple of nights and get that done.

Mike – Update the Bylaws. The problem is the Election Board nominations committee has a two years term but the members at large have a three year term. We are split and losing people because you are losing a cycle and losing somebody every other year. We have to look at the whole Executive Board and decide to maybe stagger the terms of the members at large.

We have picked a date of Thursday, October 29th in Neptune at 9:30 a.m. to discuss structure of membership and build them into the bylaws.

- h) We are trying to get a P.O. Box in Trenton. Do we want it in Trenton itself or do we want it in the State Legislature or do we want to shoot for West Trenton through the State Police? We are leaning towards Trenton itself because that is where we are going to have our contacts. We will forward it to Fort Lee, keep that box open, because Cathy is still going to be using that mailbox for the time being. Make that the official site and at some point change it.
- i) Barry wants to meet with Dennis McNulty regarding an office in Trenton for NJEMA.
- j) NJEPA Conference is May 3-7th in Atlantic City.
- k) Potential invitees to the Holiday Dinner mtg.
Colonel Fuentes should receive an Award for his support of NJEMA.
Other potential invitees: Lt. Col. Jerome Hatfield, Lt. Steve Hoptay, Major Dennis McNulty, Lt. Don Barlow, Governor Corzine, Director Canas, Steve Talpas

Adjournment