

# MONTANA

## AMBASSADORS

**EXECUTIVE BOARD  
CONFERENCE CALL  
June 10, 2009**

**ON THE CALL: Bill Johnston, Ken Richardson, Shannon Hughes, Channing Hartelius and Gloria O'Rourke.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Bill Johnston requested approval of the April 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting minutes. Channing Hartelius moved to approve; Ken Richardson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Gloria will provide minutes of full board meetings for each future Executive Board meeting as well.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The following financial reports were provided for the Executive Committee:

Profit and Loss as of May 2009: Net income of -\$685.05

Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2009: \$56,868.60

Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison: \$-2,612.37.

### **AUGUST BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

The August 19<sup>th</sup> Montana Ambassador Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Gloria will send out the agenda and meeting location details soon.

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Several more members have paid dues for 2009. Bill Johnston met with the Governor's representatives regarding the hold on new members for Montana Ambassadors. All of the names placed on hold may now move forward except one. The reason that name is being held is because there is already a member from that particular organization. More names will be considered in the future. Shannon said she would make sure letters of welcome are sent by the Governor to the new members. Ken Richardson inquired as to whether or not Legislators could become members of Montana Ambassadors.

### **UPDATES**

Business Open: The electronic mailing needs to go out as soon as possible for the Montana Ambassador Business Open. Gloria will contact Dale for a conference call. It was also learned that the Governor's security team has concerns about using the Governor's home on the lake for the social. Channing said tent-like awnings have been used at the Old Works for events in the past. Gloria, Dale, Shannon and Heather will meet soon to discuss options. A registration flyer/pdf will be available for invitations.

Outreach Program: The organizational meeting to form a Montana Ambassador Chapter in San Francisco will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lynda Colucci has invited about 15 people to kick off the chapter. Joe Whittinghill from the PNW Chapter will be present to share the successful Seattle model. Bill Johnston may attend as well as Shannon Hughes. If Shannon cannot attend as a representative of the Governor, she will provide a message which can be read to the participants.

The organization of a Minneapolis Chapter is on hold, pending the Governor's schedule. A handful of people will be invited to meet with the Governor and to learn if there is interest in beginning a Chapter in Minneapolis.

Regarding the PNW Chapter, Shannon will visit with Joe Whittinghill to discuss a list of businesses that may be interested in doing business in Montana.

February 2010 Annual Conference: Channing Hartelius and Gloria met with a representative of the Holiday Inn Great Falls to see if it would be a good location for the February 2010 conference. The facility can hold about 180 people and would be a good fit for the conference. An auditorium may need to be rented if a big name speaker is the keynote.

Shannon will check with Cory Johns to see if there are any conflicts at this point with the conference date of February 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Gloria is to set up a meeting with the conference committee on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The committee: Channing Hartelius (Chair), Shannon Hughes, Bill Johnston, Dale Mahugh, Nancy Lien Griffin, Lisa Perry and Craig Herbert. The committee is to come prepared with suggestions for a theme and/or keynote speaker.

Fall Meeting: Carl Kochman will provide an update on the October fall meeting/social during the July 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting and/or during the August board meeting.

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Below is a list of committees and those who indicated they were willing to serve:

Awards- Carl Kochman

Outreach – Bill Johnston, Ken Richardson, Co-Chairs

Business Open – Dale Mahugh, Heather Bellamy, Co-Chairs

Bylaws- Mark Simonich, Carl Kochman, Craig Herbert

Presidents' Circle Coordinator-Ken Richardson. As this is a difficult function to coordinate, a meeting of Past Presidents will be arranged during breakfast of the Annual Conference.

Publicity- Rick Edwards, Nancy Lien Griffin

Strategic Plan- Normally this committee would be chaired by the 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. but as Channing is Chair of the Annual Conference, Carl will continue to Chair this committee.

Value Added Agriculture- Fred Davison

Nominating Committee- Rick Edwards

Annual Conference – Channing Hartelius

Legislative – Bill Johnston will talk with Jon Marchi. Additional members are Nancy Lien Griffin, Ken Richardson, Carl Kochman, Rob Bargatze and Mark Simonich.