

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FACE-TO-FACE

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

The USCHI Board of Directors held a face-to-face meeting on Wednesday, the 18th of January, 2017 in Omaha, Nebraska at the Century Link Center. President Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM CST. Board members present were President Taff Hughes, Vice President Greg Thurman, JC Schemper, Mark Anderson, Monty Dunn, Glen Jantzen, Morgan Crabtree, Advisor Jon Orr and Operations Manager Mandi Sieren. There were four guests present. Dean Karau, Dave Hermesch, Chris Schulte of CJ Lake and Frank Gasperini of NCAE.

AGENDA

Was reviewed by all. Monty Dunn requested to add STATE MEETING AGENDAS to New Business. Glen Jantzen moves to approve agenda with addition and seconded by Monty Dunn. Motion carries unanimously.

CHRIS SCHULTE

Chris states that USCHI is a part of a H2A special procedures coalition. He states that there are four groups for H2A. They are western range, USCHI, open range cattle and bee keepers. DOL has not made any changes to the H2A program yet under the Trump administration. They are looking for improvements and what works better. One improvement would be faster visa processing as we all know that this has been taking a long time to get visas processed as harvesters. A second problem we have seen is the CDL issues in Oklahoma are very slow at the DMV. Chris states that there is a program called H2B Visa and it is capped to 66,000 workers allowed in the USA. H2A is the agriculture visa and it is currently triple in numbers allowed in the USA. Chris also states that Farm Bureau is currently working to reform the H2A visa. Chris ask if the board knew of any other organizations that would help to reform the H2A program. The board ask if Chris ever used the ACCHI organization as they are currently using a lot of H2A visas and have a lot of the same problems that we have here in the USA. Chris stated he had not. Chris stated that he would be at the H2A meeting after the board meeting and would also be around all day to answer any questions anyone had. He looks forward to serving our organization and seeing us in a few weeks for the NCAE annual meeting in Washington DC.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

After reviewing the wording and a lot of discussion, the consensus leads to printing these guidelines in the policy manual. Jon Orr wants to add the words scholarship funds in line #4 to get more clarity to the guideline and the board agrees. Greg Thurman makes a motion to approve the scholarship guidelines and seconded by JC Schemper. Glen amended the motion for #4 guideline. Monty Dunn seconded. Motion carries unanimously. No discussion. Vote on the amended motion. Motion carries unanimously. These guidelines will be printed in the policy manual.

CONVENTION ASSIGNMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES

Mandi asks if anyone needs anything as far as the convention goes. After discussion, the board is confident in their responsibilities. All assignments are accounted for and it should be a great convention with 836 badges already made.

STATE MEETING AGENDAS

Monty asks if we should make up an agenda for all state meetings. Mandi says that she will work on this throughout the convention and add things as they are brought to her. Monty states that he is working on a contract for 2017 that he and his farmer will have to sign before he will do any work for that customer. He states that the bank of the customer should have to sign the contract also to guarantee payment after completion of the job. The board agrees to present this at the state meetings and should discuss this further to see if the organization would like to see some sort of guideline to this contract in the directory.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, January 21st 2017 at 1:45 at the annual business meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

Monty Dunn moves to adjourn at 9:12 AM and seconded by Mark Anderson.

JC Schemper, Secretary