



The National Association for the Employment of People who are Blind

**NAEPB Executive Session
Annual Winter Retreat
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Thursday, February 5, 2015
8:00am – 8:30am EST**

Executive Session
Approved on 10/13/15

Call to Order

The Executive Session was called to order on Thursday, February 5 by President Steiner at 8:32am EST. Mr. Moneymaker proceeded with an Executive Committee Member roll call.

NAEPB Board Members Present

Robert Garrett	Assistant Secretary
Mike Gilliam	Chair Strategic Planning /Commercial Bus. Development/VP of Base Supply Centers
Rudy D’Amico	Treasurer
Jim Kerlin	Vice President of Operations
John Mitchell	Vice President of Public Policy
Eric Stueckrath	Assistant VP, Operations
Dennis Steiner	President
Reinhard Mabry	Vice President of Services
Lou Moneymaker	Secretary
Dave Wells	Assistant Vice President of Public Policy
Kevin Lynch	Ex-Officio Member, President and CEO, NIB

NIB Staff Persons Present

Angela Hartley	Executive Vice President, Chief Program Officer
Carla Williams	Administrative Assistant, NAEPB

Approval of Minutes – Lou Moneymaker, Secretary

Mr. Moneymaker presented the Executive Session minutes in draft form from the June 9, 2014 Executive Session Meeting. As there were no corrections or additions, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

Introduction of Scholarship Proposal – Dave Wells, Assistant Vice President of Public Policy

Mr. Wells introduced a scholarship program that is designed to assist agencies experiencing financial difficulties, but wish to participate in the Public Policy Forum. The scholarship would be formatted in four - \$500 scholarship awards for a total of \$2,000. Mr. Moneymaker raised a question with regards to the criteria established for applying for the scholarship. Mr. Wells stated that the process would be objective, informal and easy to administer. Ms. Arbogast and Mr. Wells will review scholarships and make determinations from the applications submitted based on the most deserving and who has supported NAEPB in the past. Mr. Mabry stated that Public Policy efforts were important and the dollar amount was a fairly nominal amount for the efforts. Mr. Steiner stated the motion as follows, “All those in favor of allocating \$2000 to assist agencies with attending the Public Policy Forum.” The motion carried unanimously.

NAEPB Membership Meetings – Dennis Steiner, President

Mr. Steiner stated that the membership meetings in the future would need to have some different kinds of educational programming, or speakers to come in and report on issues that are specific to NAEPB. He further stated that Membership meetings in the past have been lackluster with approval of minutes and minimal conversation. Meetings

need to have better engagement and value for members. Membership meetings have not been scheduled at the retreat due to the focus being on the retreat. Mr. Steiner asked for the Executive Committee member's ideas on having two meetings a year and the attempt to make the meetings more engaging and interesting. Mr. Moneymaker stated that the Board should encourage the membership to use the website where they can stay abreast on the business of the NAEPB. He further stated that he agrees that the membership meetings could be more dynamic and meaningful than what they currently are.

Mr. Kerlin stated that the Annual Membership Meeting is required, and any others could be called at the request of the President. Mr. Gilliam stated that topics of interest should be selected and speakers should be brought in from outside of the membership such as U.S. AbilityOne Commission representatives, external speakers or others outside of the organization that could engage the membership and provide them with information they wouldn't ordinarily receive. Mr. Steiner encouraged creativity on the topic before the Public Policy Forum. He further stated that NAEPB would stick with having two annual meetings per year, one during the Annual Conference and the other during Public Policy Forum.

Other Business - Dennis Steiner, President

There was no further business to be brought before the Executive Committee.

Conclusion & Adjournment

As there was no further discussion, the meeting concluded at 8:20am.