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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COALITION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

General Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 22, 2006

Delaney House, Holyoke, Ma.

The Chairman, Tim Nelson (ME) called the meeting to order and asked for self introductions.

Identified present are Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne Cichon, (NY) Vice Chairman, Jack Leyden, (RI) Daniel DeDentro, (RI) Larry DeSimone, (NY) Ron Piester, (ICC) Mike Santa, (NH) Tom Johnson, (NH) Wayne Richardson, (NH) William Nash, (RI) Gerald Brown, (MA) J-P Langlois, (CT) Chip LaPointe (MA) Tim Neyhart (MA?) Dick Lambert, (ME) Mark Tebbits, (ICC) Dan Lane (ICC) Gunnar Neilsen (NY Alt).

Following the proposed agenda, Tim asked Ron Piester about the NERC Regional Chapter Application to the ICC Board of Directors. Ron updated the members with the great news that the ICC Board of Directors electronically cast their ballots and approved the NERC Application!

Next conversation was about the Delegates Luncheon, scheduled for September 19, 2006. The dress code will be the yellow/maze shirts Tim has arranged for. This is where the swearing in of the Officers will happen by the ICC Board of Directors. Some discussion ensued on jackets and ties. Tim told members to wear what they were comfortable in. As to the Officers, it was agreed to wear the new shirts. Tim told members they can still order NERC shirts from him. Send him an email. Delivery commitment date is September 1, 2006. Cost right now is about \$30.00 per shirt. Hopefully that cost may come down with more shirts being ordered. Tim expressed his favorable recall of seeing New York Representatives last year and their blue shirts and how it looked unified. He believes the NERC should have a similar look of solidarity.

Next discussion entailed the proposal of the Meet & Greet idea of NERC providing refreshments at the Regions Chapter Meetings. Ron Piester spoke about a few numbers for coffee. Expensive is the correct adjective! Wayne Cichon spoke about numbers he ran for the refreshments stations and based



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upon an average of 500 persons, at the current fees for consumables, cashiers/waiters fees per station and station fees, the cost was nearing \$3900.00. Caution was urged as there is no way to accurately gauge how many guests might take advantage of this hospitality. After more discussion, it was decided by the group to not supply this type of hospitality at this time.

The next conversation was discussion about NERCs' answer to the New York State offer for NERC to share in their hospitality event as a forum for NERC to be recognized by the ICC membership. The members agreed to accept this invitation. Ron Piester requested members to bring their Chapter banners. Wayne Cichon added that all members' organizations banners are ok. Whether local, state or national bring your banners. This will help show our solidarity and be an example for the rest of the country. It was further discussed that NERC, individually, support the New York State hospitality event. Discussion resolved that each member state would give whatever they could. Wayne reassured members that whatever the member states could put together to assist the event would be greatly appreciated and welcomed by New York.

Tim brought up the pending ICC/IAPMO issue as being the leading topic heading into Florida. Discussion by the members made clear the point that NERC wants to take a position about this issue. Mark Tebbits spoke about having an IAPMO member present at the previous meeting today, so they could hear directly from the members and bring this information back to IAPMO to help address the members concerns. Also brought out was the idea that the NERC might consider naming the reasons why or what's, that the ICC members see as at issue, when addressing the ICC Board. Tim said that the Officers' will put together a position letter and send to the group. Wayne said they will forward a generic type letter that can be customized by other Chapters to send to the ICC Board. He added a very important point, and that was that the ICC Board of Directors will be keeping a tally of some type, to know which way the membership is going with this. It is eminently clear that the ICC Board of Directors needs to hear from each member. Not just Chapters. Ron Piester said that the Board of Directors is looking very closely at the responses of the membership. The Board feels this important enough to move the topic to open discussion forum type after the Delegates luncheon. This will open up the ICC/IAPMO discussion with the membership present. This clearly shows the members being involved at a grass roots level and the Board is listening.

Tim moved next to the New York State code change proposals on the floor in Florida. He asked the members to visit the following websites:



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www.dos.state.ny.us/code/ICCDEV.htm or

www.nysboc.net/Forum/index.htm can link you there. This site also contains other information at the NY ICC open forum webpage concerning NERC issues. Tim asked that you read the proposals and if you agree, supply support from your Chapters when the proposals come forward at the conference. He also asked if any other Chapters in NERC had proposals on the floor for this cycle. None were noted.

The discussion next moved to the pins. Wayne Cichon passed out a limited number of NERC pins to each member state, these made available courtesy of NYSBOC. More discussion ensued about the need to hand out more of these at events such as, the Meet & Greet at the Regional Chapters Meetings, for the State Chapters Representatives members and at the hospitality event. After much discussion, a motion to order 1000 more additional pins was made by Mike Santa, 2nd by Gerald Brown and unanimously passed by the membership once funds are available.

The next discussion was concerning NERC funding. Wayne spoke to some of the fees associated in Incorporating the NERC. He will contact NYSBOC for their initial support and open the account with that support. Once established, an email will go out to the State Representatives for their state Chapters organizations and where they should send their checks to. Gerald Brown asked to receive this notice in an invoice type statement. Wayne said he would arrange. Tim reiterated that the initial agreement was that each member state was to put up \$1000.00 for their state. He also made members aware that each group could only do what they were able. Hopefully we can meet the \$1000.00 per state agreement. He also noted some Chapters may not be able to do this but need to do what they can.

Courtesy of the floor was offered to the members.

There being no other business before the NERC, a motion to close the meeting was made by Jack Leyden and 2nd by Gerald Brown and was approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Cichon, Regional Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, NERC