

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the DRBF Executive Board of Directors October 16, 2009

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the DRBF Executive Board of Directors was held by conference call on October 16, 2009 with the following participants: Romano Allione, Roger Brown, Jim Donaldson, Pete Douglass, Volker Jurowich, and Hal McKittrick. Steve Fox and Ann McGough participated by invitation.

Houston Meeting Report

Ann McGough reported there were about 80 participants at the conference. She has compiled the evaluation form comments and noted they were mostly good comments with a few constructive suggestions. Steve Fox said the final bill from the hotel is not yet in.

Steve circulated the committee chart that was discussed at the Board meeting in Houston. President Romano Allione noted it is not yet complete, but expects to be able to publish it within a week's time. He has asked Jim Donaldson and Bill Baker to be on the Nominating Committee, and asked Volker Jurowich to provide a third member of the committee from Region 2. In addition, Bob Rubin and Jim Phillips have agreed to serve on the Professional Conduct committee, and he hopes to add someone from Region 2 to that committee as well.

Region 2 Nominations for 2010-2011

The Board discussed the procedure for Region 2 Board nominations coming up in May. Paul Taggart will rotate off, and Volker Jurowich will move into the Past President slot. The Board will need a nominee for the position of President Elect. Volker noted he intended to put forward some suggested names at the beginning of 2010. It was also noted that the list Steve Fox distributed in Houston has some errors in the terms section for Region 2, and he agreed to update that document accordingly.

The Board discussed the procedure for identifying potential candidates. Volker said he intended for the nominating committee to identify some candidates, and that members can propose a candidate (and the committee will ask for a 'second' to the nomination). He said each potential candidate needs to be evaluated to ensure they meet basic requirements such as length of time in the organization, etc. Volker said he would not be ready to publish the requirements until the February issue of the Forum, and Hal suggested distributing by email before then. Romano said he thinks the requirements should be similar the requirements applied by Region 1.

Contacts with EU providers

Romano Allione noted that based on the discussion in Houston, the training providers (such as ECV and Cornerstone) need to be contacted about the Board's decision to move forward. Romano and Volker agreed to meet with Dick Appuhn in Bucharest to discuss the issue and the path forward.

Australian Chapter

Romano Allione reported that he spoke with Graeme Peck, who was pleased to learn of the Executive Board's discussion of elevating the Australasia chapter to Region 3. He said the Australasia Board would discuss the issue on Oct. 20th and will notify the Executive Board of their conclusions. He noted that they believe it may be too early to do right now, however they may be ready to move to Region 3 by 2012 when they expect to host the International Conference in Australia.

Other Business

Volker Jurowich reported that he has been invited to participate as a speaker at a conference in Beijing in November by the Arbitration Commission. There is a public works project with a DB clause which should start in March, and they want to learn how DBs function. Volker has spoken with Dick Appuhn and they both believe the FIDIC based module which Dick presented in Houston could be used for this event. Volker asked the Executive Board for approval to use this module for his presentation (not a training session). His hope is to bring the Commission closer to the DRBF. Hal McKittrick remembered there was an agreement signed by Peter Chapman with a Chinese organization, but could not recall the details. Volker agreed to call Peter to inquire, and also to follow up with the DRBF's Country Rep for China. Romano offered to send him some other contacts which may be useful. The Executive Board agreed Volker should do the conference and use the DRBF materials as discussed.

Steve Fox asked for and received confirmation to continue with budget authority through 2010.

Ann McGough reported the registrations for the Bucharest Regional Conference are now over 100 and it is on track to make a profit.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2009 at 12 noon ET by Skype conference call.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Ann McGough.