

MZSS Workgroup

10-31-13 Meeting

Amanda opened with serenity prayer at 8:10 pm

Daniel volunteered to take notes

Introductions: Amanda, Stacey, Pat, Barry, Daniel, Michelle, John, Brian, and Randie all present.
Mary and Charles joined late.

Old Business -

- Communications
 - Regional Voting Update
 - Have received responses from 21 of 25 regions
 - Haven't received responses from: Mid-America region, Tejas Bluebonnet, Mississippi, and Kentuckiana
 - Follow up contact with Regions
 - Mid-America meeting is November 17th
 - Kentuckiana stated that they were stepping aside and waiting for their next Regional on Nov. 17th and they are possibly leaning toward a yes
 - Tejas Bluebonnet RD has fallen ill and George is RDA - He reported no opposition at Southern Zonal
 - Mississippi has been contacted.
 - Talked about getting all the votes in and getting this moving forward
- Hospitality
 - Hotel Contract Options update
 - St. Louis - gave us a renegotiated contract
 - Extension - 11-15-13 is the extension
 - revised details -
 - Reduced food/beverage total to \$6k
 - Coffee price is inclusive at \$25/gallon
 - Lunch price is at \$26 inclusive
 - Room block reduced
 - Thursday to 50

- Friday & Saturday to 100
 - Shared concerns about meeting all the minimums for motels and gaining enough money to meet expenses of motels.
 - Indianapolis
 - Michelle had not gotten in contact with anyone
 - Charles and Amanda spoke with Michael and he was going to get a bid from the hotel they have their convention
 - Talked about Indianapolis having a convention just a few weeks before our tentatively scheduled time and how this will affect our attendance.
- Finances
 - Virtual Banking options – no change
 - John S. spoke with motel about banks in the area and safe deposit boxes – have not found a local bank that has a branch in St. Louis
 - Elections – no other resumes received
 - Treasurer – Michelle C. nominated with expressed willingness, no opposition, thank you for your service
 - Co-Treasurer – John S. nominated with expressed willingness, no opposition, thank you for your service
- Guidelines
 - review proposed
 - Discussed cash withdrawals and removing from the policy
 - Two signatures on checks
 - Remove States from Southern Zonal's name
 - send out to regions (RD's anyway) for review and input period before adopting?
 - Discussed review and input period of 30 days for RDs and Regions
 - We do want input from the regions but not to allow it to take
 - Only call it a review period not input
 - Straw poll: Do you want to see a review period sent out to the RDs
 - Strong support for review period
 - Once workgroup has approved them we will send out for 30 days to the regions while we operate under them

- Sending out draft to workgroup and have input given the Monday prior to our next meeting. We will try and approve at our next meeting.
- Specific language surrounding these guidelines being internal for the workgroup
 - “MZSS has adopted a set of Internal Guidelines for the single event proposed. In a spirit of inclusiveness we are forwarding these guidelines to the RD of the regions involved for their review. We trust that if anyone has input that you would forward that to the MZSS work group for consideration.”
 - The workgroup is going to review this language and give feedback
- New Business
 - Conference call/Skype options
 - Working good – other options seem to have audio issues
 - Elections for other positions
 - Be thinking about positions and members that would be good for these positions
 - Next Skype meeting:
 - Thursday, November 14th, 2013 @ 8 p.m.
- Close
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

WORKGROUP TASKS

- Review guidelines and give input via email (reply all)
- Review language for communicating guidelines to RDs
- While reviewing guidelines be thinking about positions of interest, task workgroups and any members that would potentially be good for any position.
- Newly elected Treasurers to work on banking options
- Pat is to have more communication with motel in St. Louis
- Amanda or Charles will send out any bids they receive from Michael for Indianapolis motels
- Daniel C. to contact Mississippi RD