

2 april 2002
SE-EPPC BoD meeting
Nashville
Minutes of last meeting will be available for later review.

Joyce,
Brian
Jim
Chuck
Charles
Wayne
Jack
Kris
Mike
Dan
Tony
Late
Amy
Kaye

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SE-EPPC BoD meeting
Nashville
Above attendees plus
David Teem, Auburn University
Ken Langeland, UF, Fla EPPC

By-laws

Bob Parrish proposed options for bylaws changes regarding board membership. Discussion held that official voting members should come from fully-incorporated chapters. Board might be 5 officers and one representative of each chapter. Non-voting could include liaisons, committee chairs and appointments and provisional states chapters.

The president shall be notified of proxies' selections and assignments or designation for attendance as alternate voting member in advance in writing of any board of directors meeting.

After motion, second and discussion, it was approved that state chapters should designate a board member and a proxy or alternate. All voting members and proxies must be members of SE-EPPC.

Executive Committee's authorities and scope of powers.

Discussion held that bylaws give the full board oversight of the executive committee, including the power to overturn any EC action(s). Bylaws also require BoD notification of every EC action. Seek further language to define when EC actions need Board notification. Action might include added language defining major actions or board actions. EC authority to spend funds needs further definition?

Kaye: Under Article VI approve language discussed yesterday was moved by Kaye and seconded by Pernas.

Language as written, with additional budgetary limitation

BoD Selection - Nominating Committee, Dan B, Kris, Joyce

Kristen nominated as secretary.

Vice president and treasurer open for nomination.

Committee nominee for president was Brian Bowen.

Motion by Bryson to close nominations, second by Kaye.

Vote to select Bowen approved without opposition.

Treasurer position needs to be filled before October when Susie's term ends.

Jim A

Adhoc business meeting? Announcement to the conference for nominees for treasurer will be made by Kristin. Feeling that BoD should pursue future bylaws changes to codify business meeting as part of future conferences.

Joyce - Next year's meeting, Lexington probably. Field trips unsure. Checking with hotels for late April. Planning to proceed.

Proposed actions, changes and direction. Pernas, why couldn't SE-EPPC change its name to NAEPPC to expand. Group exemption allows name change easily in IRS.

Coordinator discussion - Brian - Reinstatement was made previously through March 31 2002. Agreed to discontinue newsletter, webpage changes could take place of newsletter and added functions. Chapter headings made useful for states' entries (by password). Structural development has brought organization to a certain level; the weakest parts of the structure are the development and activity levels of states' chapters. Should coordinator remain on the table? Focussed on strengthening development of states' chapters, future conferences support, tailor coordinator position to strengthen, foster other groups. Facilitation can help states struggling to develop chapters.

Kaye - As president your functions could continue to be similar to coordinator's functions. Some funds formerly designated for coordinator may need consideration for president's activities.

Langeland - Future directions, going at this backwards? Should emphasize SE-EPPC to be there as a resource for developing chapters. Allocation of some funds in the budget so some representative (president or other volunteers) may, as needed, travel to assist in cases. Could readily be an EC function with appropriate budget allocations.

Goal to have some representative at development meetings of future chapters. Alabama is an upcoming opportunity to test whether coordinator function is needed. Brian - If coordinator is needed it should be a more focused role than in the past. What is left for coordinator function to achieve?

His role lately has been local bring Nashville meeting along, details of existing issues. Budget comm. could consider some of these issues and discuss with EC to provide travel expenses reimbursement for anyone who may travel to assist in coordinator role.

Joyce - Need to define further how those funds would be allocated, who would travel, when, what conditions? Pre-approval seems to be a given. Let's

make sure the funds would be used effectively and responsibly. Leave EC the ability to approve any such assistance expenses that may arise. Need presence at events that arise to maintain a presence as a viable group. Of \$4,000 originally in fund, \$2,000 remains.

Chuck needs to maintain website and Brian has been the principal contact. Would there be a void?

What are the roles of president and coordinator to be from now on? Should descriptions be drafted defining all officers' roles? Executive Committee to draft it? What are the goals of the officers, committees?

Brian - Budget committee has functioned well. In practice has developed protocols. Publications committee. Eliminate the nebulous.

Ken - Website dilemma could be dealt with by development of a website committee. SOPs need to be written. Motion to allocate up to \$2,000 for travel expenses for EC decision to support the goals of SE-EPPC. Kaye second.

State chapters.

Getting group exemption, every chapter's bylaws are needed and adopted by SE-EPPC. Are bylaws truly functional, i.e., not only adopted as dummies? If not, might not survive IRS audit. Making clear that bylaws represent goals and functions in reality, not just fulfill basic legal formalities. Help enforce goals at state level. For instance, how can SE-EPPC help resuscitate GA-EPPC. Jim - Critical mass wasn't achieved. NC, MS, FL, TN all stable. What's needed?

Ken, Chuck - emphasis on chapter misplaced. Option is always there for chapter formations, but SE-EPPC's presence may be enough for some states. Our goals may not need to be so focused on chapters, but on stabilization and growth of SE-EPPC.

Brian - Doesn't have to be an either or situation. TN used to have annual meetings, but quit since SE-EPPC's formation. Hope that TN would resume annual get together, even one-day, a few speakers and business meeting would maintain state groups. SE-EPPC could support and promote these.

Regionally, some actions may be better addressed as a bloc than by chapters. Desirable, but not necessary to support chapter growth.

Kaye - Outreach isn't being produced by SE-EPPC. General populace needed? Bowen - Nat areas aren't really as big a concern to the public as lakes and rivers. Pernas - We're not here because SE-EPPC will produce all sorts of brochures, the info here is important as the state groups go back and produce local things. Don't sell us short.

Jim - GaEPPC had two private pulls as part of Rivers Day, expanded the scope of what had been Rivers Day. Things happen locally a lot, SE-EPPC's presence helps, but what's needed regionally?

WSSA others, picking up strongly on natural areas weeds, and liaisons with these groups should be maintained. How many calls will come in from groups with related interests, needs that might help increase SE-EPPC's presence or perhaps be overwhelmed by others' growth. Open to suggestions for future role, limitations of SE-EPPC. Staying power, getting to right meeting, working with right people. Bylaw changes, structure need to be addressed by state chapters. Next BoD meeting, likely summer, to coordinate with October budget year. Location to be determined. Third week of July 19, in Alabama.

Voting members would be:

Officers

Kirsten, secretary

Brian, president

SC - Rick Huffman

GA - not currently with voting status

FL -

TN -

VA -

AL -

Kaye moved to adjourn, White seconded. No opposition.