

MINUTES
NMTESOL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, December 4, 2009

Officers Present

Bill Ancker, President
Amy Christiansen, Vice President
Krissy Sievers, Treasurer
Penny Mortier, Secretary
Ann Savino, Director B

REPORTS

President (Bill Ancker)

Bill reported on the successful effort to organize NMTESOL as a legal entity. He reported that NMTESOL had been incorporated as a non-profit in New Mexico in November of 2008 and had been granted 501 (c)(3) status by US IRS in July, 2009. He expressed the Board's appreciation to the UNM Law Clinic for their critical and extensive assistance in this process. The Board members agreed that Bill's persistence and diligence were key to this successful effort and thanked him.

Bill announced the following change on the Board of Directors: Jennifer Herrin resigned from the Board because she is spending the next year in Laos. Nancy McKeand was appointed as her replacement to Director A position. Nancy will run for election for term 2010-2011.

Bill reviewed the qualifications joining International TESOL as an affiliate member. We will need to fill out some simple paperwork and submit a 25 dollar application fee and pay 151 dollars annually. We will hold back on this until we have more members.

The logo contest announcement was sent to Albuquerque charter schools that specialize in media arts and design. The school administrators were enthusiastic.

Bill suggested, and members voted to make a new mission statement.

Treasurer (Krissy Sievers)

Krissy reported that we now have 71 paid members. There is a balance of 1100 dollars in our bank account. She said that for the time we are not collecting annual dues.

Penny reported on the efforts to get an accountant. A CNM faculty member in Accounting has forwarded the request for pro bono help to the entire Accounting faculty. The New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants was also contacted. They have a newsletter that may be of help. A board member from the society will call back. AARP was unable to help. Members were urged to contact us if they knew an accountant who could help.

Nominations to the NMTESOL Board (Penny Mortier)

It was explained that all six Board members serve two-year terms. The terms are staggered to allow for continuity. The President, Treasurer and Director A are elected in odd-numbered years (starting in 2009 for a 2010-2011 term) and the Vice-President, Secretary, and Director B are elected in even-numbered years (in 2010 for a 2011-2012 term).

A call for nominations for the position of President, Treasurer and Director A was made. The following nominations were recorded:

President: Bill Ancker
Treasurer: Krissy Sievers
Director A: Nancy McKeand

Krissy is willing to serve NMTESOL but would like to give someone else a chance to serve as Treasurer so that we can broaden the representation on the Board to new people.

A call for further nominations will be made online to all paid members. Nominations end on December 18th. Voting is open to all paid members and will take place online using an anonymous survey vehicle.

Call for Volunteers (Ann Savino, Director B)

Ann reiterated the organization's need for volunteers as we grow. She asked for members to form a Publication Committee and a need for people to contribute to the newsletter. We need new people to give workshops and help with a membership drive.

Discussion (VP Amy Christiansen)

Amy led a discussion on which activities the organization should pursue for the spring as well as in the future as well as how to do outreach around the state.

Bill suggested getting together a traveling team to visit other cities and present workshops. Others suggested teaming with other organizations in different regions and co-present a mini-conference or series of workshops. Ultimately we would like to sponsor a state-wide conference which would fulfill professional development requirements for various employers and possibly award college credit.

Kathy Varney suggested getting together a team to do advocacy work with the legislature.

It was agreed that there would be a spring workshop.

Minutes submitted by Penny Mortier, Secretary

