



NSEA Past State President's Advisory Council Minutes Annual Meeting Reno #597



President: William "Bill" Wiseman, PSP, DL
Secretary: William "Bill" Bohnett, PSP, DL
Treasurer: Albert "Al" Bye, PDDGER, SP

Date: April 30, 2021 **Call to Order:** 2:35pm **By:** President Bill Wiseman

Invocation: Deb Oskin, SVP **Pledge:** Dan Wells, SPE

All Officers in Attendance

Members in Attendance: Bill Wiseman, Ted Balash, Al Bye, Russ Childers, Jim Shirkey, Marlon Hoesly, William Bohnett, Gene Presnell, Dee Boskie, Dave Pressler, Bien Decena
Guests present: Jim Grillo (Sponsor),

Guests in Attendance: James Grillo PGER, Area 7 Sponsor, Bill Wiseman, Area 7 GL Activities Committee Chairman, Special Deputy GER Nevada Jim Shirkey, Chris Coyer PER,

Minutes of the Previous Session: Nov. 2019 Minutes - Motion to Approve – Al Bye, Seconded – Hoesly. APPROVED as published on the NSEA Website.

Treasurer's Report: Board Treasurer Al Bye reported the following:
Begin: \$3222.82 Checking
No income was mentioned in this report.

Upcoming Annual and Mid-Term Meeting Presentations:

Las Vegas Elks. Midterm November 2021 Meeting in Las Vegas. Chris Coyer, PER represented Las Vegas Lodge. He handed out an information packet including approximate costs, events, schedules, and related media. Coyer is now working with Ahern and his nom-gaming resort on Sahara Blvd for accommodations. Ahern room rates \$99/room – no resort fees. Palace station is out due to lack of communication with Las Vegas Lodge. Ahern is willing to provide shuttle service as an incentive for holding the NSEA meeting at his location. All meals will be at the Lodge. Hoesly, Seals, Ferguson, Childers, Esslinger (Food and Bev) and Coyer are the Lodge's committee. A final packet can be published as soon as August or sooner. President Wiseman thanked the Las Vegas Committee for their presentation.

Wiseman is in discussions, and awaiting replies from Boulder City in regards to the 2022 Annual meeting. Same with Midterm in Tahoe/Douglass in 2022. Wiseman discussed the possibility of other Lodges hosting as well. He mentioned the report and distributed accordingly. Wiseman

has concerns with Lodges committing in the future, and will be discussed further in New Business.

Discussion in regards to the Midterm Meeting:

- Leading Knight Clinic was discussed. Will there be one? Coyer will work with DDGER Designates in regards to setting up this Clinic. Dan Wells will need to be involved.
- Pressler discussed filling voids with a dynamic speaker such as Rick Gathen, GL Membership. Grillo also recommended the use of the GL Activities Chairman for Area 7 – Bill Wiseman.

Upcoming Grand Lodge Conventions: Report by Wiseman

2021 July 4-7	Tampa, FL
2022 July 3-6	Atlanta, GA
2023 July 2-5	Minneapolis, MN
2024 July 3-6	Austin, TX 2023

NSEA Officer Positions to be nominated and balloted at the April 2021 Meeting in Reno:

- 1.) NSEA President – Dan Wells PDDGER (Already Elected)
- 2.) NSEA President Elect from South District – Deb Oskin PDDGER, Mesquite
- 3.) NSEA Vice President from North District – Leroy Olson PDDGER, Sparks. Frank Reynolds PDDGER, Reno.
- 4.) NSEA 4 Year Trustee South District – Bill Bohnett PSP North Las Vegas
- 5.) NEMPI 3-Year Trustee – North District – Feryl Fitzgerald PDDGER Reno.

All above have distributed nomination letters to the Lodges. (Except current President Elect Dan Wells)

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) The proposal to change the By-Laws to provide for North and South District Vice Presidents. Gene Presnell- Chairman created the necessary changes to show the NSEA By-Laws/Constitution to make this happen and present their proposal at tomorrow's business meeting. This will include the selection process and the requirements to serve as District VP. Several discussions for and against were exchanged. How to select the new "District VP" will be discussed at the next Advisory Board meeting. Grillo did comment on when selection of the new NSEA VP "should" be selected by the Advisory Board rather than the members of the

NSEA. Motion by Balash to proceed with sending this to the Business Meeting for a vote.

Seconded by Boski. Motion passed

(FYI: Results from the Business Meeting was to proceed with the By-Law changes and begin a "pool" of District VPs)

2.) NSEA Charity Corporation. Wiseman discussed this Corporation is separate from all other NSEA Committees. Wiseman has drafted the By-Laws and given them to Presnell depicting this Corporation is to create its own charity budget. The new articles will state the officers will be the NSEA VP, President Elect, and President (unnamed) going forward. Wiseman is still finalizing, but moving forward for action at the November Meeting.

3.) Establish "Meeting Standardization" for the agenda and times for NSEA Annual and Mid-Term meetings. Jim Shirkey discussed the burdens with meetings, meals, events, etc. conflicting with back and forth movement between both venues. This conversation leads into the following new business item...

New Business:

1.) Wiseman discussed his concerns the Lodges are not wanting to host NSEA annual and midterm meetings. Wiseman discussed the forming of a responsible committee to pursue "options" to assure meetings are well received, planned, have standardized agendas, etc. Wiseman's concerns were "burnout" from the Lodges hosting regularly. (Pressler and others stated their agreement with the burnout concerns...) A better "package" is needed from the current practices in regards to planning of NSEA meetings. "We need to serious look at this process now." Grillo felt this was worth "digging into." He stated some the issues he's having with California Lodges hosting as well...

Wiseman appointed a committee to look at all aspects of "standardizing" our convention needs, and the possibility of regular meeting event centers.

They are: Dee Boski PSP, Reno from the North. Chris Coyer PER, Las Vegas from the South. More discussion in November.

Sickness and Distress: Balash reported on Ken Catlain's Stroke rehab. Seems to making slow process.

Good of the Order:

Protocol in regards to State Trustees (and other meetings...) was discussed. Grillo stated better professionalism would be better received.

Grillo was pleased we all “care” about Elkdom. “Good meeting.”

Adjournment by Wiseman: Approx. 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bohnett

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MEETING AGENDA

April 30, 2021 – Reno, NV

INVOCATION

NSEA Vice President, Debbie Oskin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NSEA President Elect, Danny Wells

INTRODUCTIONS

NSEA Vice President
NSEA President-Elect
NSEA President
Past Grand Esquire
Past Grand Esquire
Past Grand Esquire, SDGER

Mesquite Lodge #2811, Debbie Oskin
Tahoe/Douglas Lodge #2670, Danny Wells
Las Vegas Lodge #1468, Russ Childers
Fallon Lodge #2239, Ted Balash
Las Vegas Lodge #1468, Bill Seals
Reno Lodge #597, Jim Shirkey

Advisory Council Officers:

Secretary
Treasurer
President

North Las Vegas #2353, Bill Bohnett, PSP, DL
Carson City #2177, Al Bye, State President
Henderson/Green Valley Lodge #2802, Bill Wiseman, PSP, DL

GUESTS:

DDGER NV South
DDGER NV North
AEA President-Elect
CHEA First Vice President
GL Activities Committee
Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
PGER & Nevada Sponsor

Boulder City Lodge #1682, Al Shirley
Tahoe/Douglas Lodge #2670, John Louritt
Jerome Lodge #1361, Charyll McKean (Tim)
Santa Clarita Lodge #2379, Jay Larkin ()
Henderson/Green Valley Lodge #2802 – Bill Wiseman
Reno, NV #597 - Jim Shirkey
Stockton, CA #218 – Louis Jim Grillo

REPORTS:

SECRETARY
TREASURER

Bill Bohnett - Approval of Minutes, April 2020, Tahoe/Douglas
Al Bye Treasurers Report

REPORTS ON STATE CONVENTION AND MID-TERMS:

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1. Reno Lodge #597 will host the April 29 – May 2, 2021 Annual Meeting. Updates from Representatives
2. Las Vegas #1468 will host the November 18 – 21, 2021 Mid-Term Meeting. Updates from Representatives.
3. Boulder City #1682 will host the Annual Convention April 21-24, 2022. (Tentative)
4. Tahoe/Douglas #2670 will host the Mid-Term Convention November 17-20, 2022. (Tentative)

Each of the Nevada Lodges have been contacted by phone and asked if they are willing to host future Annual and/or Mid-Term Meetings. The results are shown on the attached document. They were also asked reply with which date and meeting they are interested in hosting.

GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

2021 July 4-7	Tampa, FL
2022 July 3-6	Atlanta, GA
2023 July 2-5	Minneapolis, MN
2024 June 30 – July 3	Austin, TX
2025 June 29 – July 2	Kansas City, MO

NSEA OFFICERS to be nominated at April Meeting

President, Danny Wells – already elected

President Elect, Debbie Oskin Nomination from South District

Vice President, Frank Reynolds, III and Leroy Olson Nominations from North District

4-year NSEA Trustee, Bill Bohnett, PSP, DL Nomination from the South District

3-year State Major Project Trustee, Feryl Fitzgerald Nomination from the North District

Letters have been received from Lodges recommending:

Mesquite Lodge #2811 – Debbie Oskin, NSEA VP – for NSEA President Elect

Reno Lodge #597 – Frank Reynolds, III, PDDGER - for NSEA VP

Sparks Lodge #2397 – Leroy Olson, PDDGER - for NSEA VP

North Las Vegas #2353 – Bill Bohnett, PSP - for NSEA 4-Year Trustee

Reno Lodge #597 – Feryl Fitzgerald – for SMP 3-Year Trustee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Establish “Meeting Standardization” for the agenda and times for the NSEA Annual and Mid-Term meetings.
2. Report from the Committee appointed by Bill Wiseman consisting of Gene Presnell, Chair, Marlin Hoesly, Dee Boskie and Al Bye to review the required By-Laws changes required to provide for a North and South District Vice President and the selection process.
3. The NSEA Charity Corporation is currently not in compliance as a non-profit entity as it is filed with the Nevada Secretary of State and the IRS. The required Trustees do not exist and the required meetings are not being held. Bill is currently working with Gene Presnell to revise the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation to bring us into compliance. The By-Laws revisions are ready for review. The Articles still require a little more work to complete.
4. Establish “Meeting Times” for Convention Committee Meetings – Jim Shirkey

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NEW BUSINESS

1. NSEA budget issues involving increasing the expense allowance for the position of President-Elect from \$250.00 to \$500.00. This would require a By-Laws change and would not go into effect until 2022-23 if approved.
2. Schedule the Annual and Mid-Term Meeting dates and places through 2028.
3. Discuss the need for a NSEA Meeting (Convention) Committee for the State to setup and manage future Annual and Mid-Term meetings. The attempt would be to establish a location(s) that would repeat each year with income and expense to be handled by the State Association through State Convention Committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

AEA – President-Elect – Charyll McKean

CHEA - 1st Vice President – Jay Larkin

Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Nevada - Reno #597 – Jim Shirkey

PGER, NSEA Sponsor, - Stockton, CA #218 - Louis J, "Jim" Grillo

ADJOURN

EIGHT YEAR FORWARD SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL AND MID-TERM MEETINGS

Year	Annual Meeting	Hosting Lodge	Mid-Term Meeting	Hosting Lodge	Easter	Thanksgiving
2021*	22-25 Apr	Reno - 597	18-21 Nov	Las Vegas - 1468	04-Apr	25-Nov
2022*	21-24 Apr	BC - 1682	17-20 Nov	T/D - 2670	17-Apr	24-Nov
2023	27-30 Apr	Hawthorne - 1704	16-19 Nov	Mesquite - 2811	09-Apr	23-Nov
2024	25-28 Apr	Pahrump - 2796	14-17 Nov	Carson City - 2177	31-Mar	28-Nov
2025	24-27 Apr	T/D - 2670	20-23 Nov	BC - 1682	20-Apr	27-Nov
2026	23-26 Apr	Las Vegas - 1468	19-22 Nov	Reno - 597	05-Apr	26-Nov
2027	22-25 Apr	Carson City - 2177	18-21 Nov	Laughlin - 2872	28-Mar	25-Nov
2028	27-30 Apr	Great Basin - 1472	16-19 Nov	Pahrump - 2796	16-Apr	28-Nov

* Lodges shown have agreed to host. Waiting for letter to officially accept. The other lodges are being proposed and will require letters sent to them to receive their agreement to host. The dates are as per the By-Laws. The selection of the hosting lodges would change if a Convention Committee were to be appointed to handle all conventions.

NSEA By-Laws Article III - Meetings Controls the meeting dates.
Section 1 - Annual: The Association shall have an annual meeting, to be held on the fourth full weekend of April, the location to be determined by the Advisory Council and announced by the President of the Association. All activities of the meeting shall be scheduled during an announced period not to exceed three days. Ritual contests and the business session of the annual meeting shall not be scheduled at the same time.
Section 2 - Mid-Term: The Association shall have a mid-term meeting to be held on the third full weekend of November, the location to be determined by the Advisory Council and announced by the President of the Association prior to such meeting.
Section 3 - Host: Any Lodge desiring to host either the annual or midterm meeting shall make application, in writing, to the Advisory Council at least eighteen months in advance of the meeting they desire to host. The locations for the annual and mid-term meetings shall be rotated between the Northern and Southern Districts so as to prevent the meetings being held in the same district during the same Lodge year. However, should a Lodge decide not to host a scheduled convention, said convention shall be offered to the next Lodge on the rotation in the same District assignment.
Section 4 - Rotation: The meetings of the Association shall be rotated throughout the State. The rotation shall be set forth in an addendum to these Bylaws. Any addition, deletion, or other change to said addendum shall not be deemed to be an amendment to these Bylaws of the Association. The Advisory Council will be responsible for any addendums to the rotation.

The following tables the lodges status as to they are willing to host an Annual or Mid-Term meeting

North District Lodge and Number	Annual	Mid-Term
Reno - 597	Yes	Yes
Great Basin - 1472	?	No *
Hawthorne - 1704	Yes	No *
Carson City - 2177	Yes	Yes
Fallon - 2239	No	No
Sparks - 2397	No	No
Tahoe/Douglas - 2670	Yes	Yes

South District Lodge and Number	Annual	Mid-Term
Tonopah - 1062	?	No*
Las Vegas - 1468	Yes	Yes
Ely - 1468	No	No*
Boulder City - 1682	Yes	Yes
North las Vegas - 2353	Alt	Alt
Pahrump - 2796	Yes	Yes
Henderson/Green Valley - 2802	No	No
Mesquite - 2811	Yes	Yes
Laughlin - 2872	?	?

No* = To far from and Airport effecting GER attendance.

Alt = Available as an alternate if someone is needed but does not want to be scheduled.

? = We need to confirm if Laughlin and Great Basin will be able to host without a home.