

NATIONAL EDGE & TA



NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 12, 2008
BR 26 MT. VERNON WASHINGTON

President Matt Montague opened the meeting by thanking everyone in attendance as well as the national board for being present.

Matt said it was a great opportunity of their club to be recognized and thanked the exhibitors and their families that attended. He also thanked all of the volunteers and his gratitude to Morrie Robinson.

Matt expressed his disappointment that the tulips weren't more in bloom for us all.

Larry Voris, EDGE&TA president asked everyone to stand and he led us in prayer.

We then sang the Star Spangled Banner and he asked us all to do the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Larry expressed his thanks to the branch 26 wives for putting up with everything the last year while all were preparing for this event and also thanked Matt Montague as president, Morrie Robinson, vice president and Jim Johnson and everyone else in branch 26 who helped to put on this event.

Larry then introduced the National Board, George Christmas, SE Region, Wayne Timchuk, NE Region, Dick Tombrink, NW Region, Don Young, SW Region, Dorene Yearian, NC Region, Howard Hodson, SC Region, secretary/treasurer, Ruth Warnock and himself, Larry Voris as president and director at large.

Ruth Warnock did the roll call of branches present. There were 19 branches present.

Larry asked if there was any old business. There was none. Then asked if there was any new business. There was none.

Larry gave the report from the ballot vote.

There were two candidates running for the SW Director's position. Don Young the incumbent from California received 49 votes; Pat Slaughter from Arizona received 6 votes.

There were two candidates running for the NW Director's position. Dick Tombrink incumbent from Montana received 42 votes, and Jan Hedge from Idaho received 9 votes.

There was an amendment to the bylaws

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS/OFFICERS/ADVISORS

Section 7. Pay and Reimbursement:

a. Directors, Officers, and Advisors shall serve without pay, with the exception of the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive 15% of the annual dues, payable on December 31, each year.

This will now read

Section 7. Pay and Reimbursement:

a. Directors, Officers, and Advisors shall serve without pay, with the exception of the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive 20% of the annual dues, payable on December 31, each year.

The motion was submitted by president of branch 37, Arkansas and second by president of branch 150, Idaho. Results of the vote were: 52 branches voted yes, 3 branches voted no.

Larry asked for any general discussion since there wasn't any, he then proceeded to recognize the directors responsible for EDGE&TA committees.

Steam: George Christmas and Dick Tombrink. No report given

Safety: Don Young, no report

Insurance: Dick reported that we are looking at a couple of new insurance companies and asked the membership to continue to watch the EDGE&TA website for updates on this. He commented on reporting of events. With the current insurance we have you are required to report the events you host. Dick stated that there would be a newsletter coming out shortly that will update you all with our insurance for the current year. This is also posted on our website.

Hall of Fame: Howard Hodson reported that we can induct up to 6 members into the Hall of Fame. Last year we inducted 5. If anyone knows of anyone that should be entered into the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame send it to Howard. His information is on the website. He will then send them to the 3 judges and they will make the decision. Upon completion of this Howard will send the information to Ruth and she will get the plaques made.

Website: Larry reported that Sally Walker is our webmaster and she has done an excellent job. She has brought a lot of things to our attention, and redone it and has added a lot of information on it that we didn't have before. She also has created the calendar of events. Every time you turn in an event, a copy goes to her and she puts it on the calendar. This is a great source of advertisement and lets the board of directors know where the EDGE&TA exposure is.

So we want to thank Sally for her good job.

Member from the floor:

Branch 26 would like to recognize Sally for her work on the website. Without her work our advertising would have been a lot more difficult. We would like to publicly thank her.

Larry said, "So recognized, thank you"

Larry said that another thing that has been brought up recently is about kids climbing on tractors. He said if you don't want kids on your tractors, put up a sign, rope it off, or stay with it. He said we have to watch the kids, but keep them interested. They are our future.

Larry then explained about the Physical Damage program. All of this information is covered on our WebPages. www.edgeta.org.

He also reminded all when you send in your officers; make sure you send in directors also. That way they are covered by our D&O insurance. There are 2 forms. Last year was the first year we had this coverage.

Larry asked if there were any other questions,
There were none. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Warnock, Secretary