

Minutes of Conference Call August 17, 2020

The Annual National Board of Directors Meeting of EDGETA met via Conference Call on April 17, 2020. Those in attendance were Jeff Fenske, President and Director-at-Large; Bob Craig, Vice-President and NC Director; John Roderick, SC Director; Dick Tombrink, NW Director; Buster Brown, SW Director; David Millsap, NE Director; Travis Brown, SE Director; and Morrie Robinson, NW Advisor. Also in attendance were Ron Hanson, candidate for SW Regional Director and Carrie Jo Parmley, Secretary/Treasurer of EDGETA.

President Jeff Fenske opened the meeting by announcing each of the Regional Directors and introducing Morrie Robinson and Ron Hanson who will be accepting the positions of director for their respective regions. The minutes of the previous Conference Call meeting on May 20, 2020 were approved with a motion by David Millsap and second by Dick Tombrink. Carrie Jo reported that we had membership of 5,859 members as of today with 131 branches reporting. She also reported that the current bank balance was \$116,094.

Old Business: Jeff announced that most all of the shows for the current year had been cancelled because of the Covid virus. Also, the branches are not able to meet, so we have a great number of people who have not joined this year. He stated that he felt it might be difficult to get those branches back into EDGETA that had not already submitted members.

Committee reports:

Hall of Fame: Bob Craig reported that all of the plaques have been taken care of for the Hall of Fame. Each branch has received the plaques except for Branch 28. Recipients were Morton Hall, Branch 28; Dan Thompson, Branch 16; Randy Tiede, Branch 54.

Youth Driver: Bob Craig reported that he has issued 4 Youth Driver Certificates this year. Most of those were Branch 124 in Texas.

Safety & Accident: There was 1 accident this year. It was in Branch 51 in Lewistown, MT. A tractor driven by member Bryan Sallee hit a pickup truck during a parade. The total damage is \$1948.72. The branch will pay the \$1,000 deductible and EDGETA will pay the balance of \$948.72 as was agreed upon by the Board. A discussion followed that included the fact that we now have \$5,000 deductible on our liability insurance. The Branch is still responsible for the first \$1,000, but EDGETA had will pick up the balance of the remaining amount of the deductible on any claims.

Insurance:

Dick Tombrink discussed the insurance cost spreadsheet, emphasizing that he wants to be certain that we have a surplus on hand. John Roderick had a question. He asked if there is an accident, is the \$1,000 the part of the individual or branch, and is EDGETA responsible for the remainder of the cost. He stated that to him, it appeared that the Arizona accident was not covered so EDGETA paid the \$36,000 for the damage. It was explained that EDGETA felt that we should pay for that damage; otherwise, our premiums would increase.

Steam:

Travis Brown reported that the show for 2021 in Eagleville, TN hosted by Branch 2021 is still on schedule and they plan to have a good steam engine representation.

National Show:

Morrie Robinson reported that all of the shows moved forward except for the SW Regional Show that was held early in the year. Branch 202 in TN will host the National Show and Branch 16 will host the National Show in 2022. Jeff stated that the location of where the shows will be held will be voted on by the Board of Directors. Morrie stated that he was not in favor of that arrangement. Jeff stated that many branches from all over the US had voiced that they would like to be considered. After discussion, it was determined that each of the Regional Directors could be responsible for arranging the regional show in their particular region. Morrie stated he would like to continue to arrange for the National Show. Jeff stated that the topic of the Regional and National shows will be further discussed at the next meeting.

The next item was the resignation of two members of the Board of Directors. Those retiring were Dick Tombrink and Buster Brown. Jeff expressed his appreciation and that of the board for both Dick and Buster and their outstanding service to EDGETA. He announced that Buster was leaving for health reasons; he has spent countless hours contacting people in his region and devoting himself as a resource for them. He is 85 years of age. Dick has served many years and much time with insurance, and he felt it was time to let someone else take on his responsibilities.

The two new Directors are Morrie Robinson, NW Regional Director, in the vacated position of Dick Tombrink and Ron Hanson, SW Regional Director, in the vacated position of Buster Brown. Since there was no opposition for either position, a vote was not required.

Next was the election of officers for the new year. John Roderick nominated Jeff Fenske for President. Jeff was elected by acclamation as there were no other nominees.

David Millsap nominated Bob Craig for Vice President. He will maintain that position.

Carrie Jo Parmley was reelected as Secretary/Treasurer with vote by acclamation.

Next was the appointment of Committees for the new year as follows:

Finance Committee: Jeff Fenske, Carrie Jo Parmley, John Roderick

Hall of Fame Committee: Bob Craig, David Millsap

Insurance: Jeff Fenske Chair, Ron Hanson, Morrie Robinson

Newsletter Editor: Carrie Jo Parmley

Safety & Accident Committee: Jeff Fenske, Bob Craig, David Millsap

Steam Committee: Travis Brown, David Millsap

Webpage Committee: Josh Dilsaver, Carrie Jo Parmley, Jeff Fenske

Youth Driver Training: Bob Craig

Bob Craig then introduced the idea that those retiring from the Board of Directors receive a plaque for their service. Bob further stated that he wondered if we were remiss in not doing that last year when George Christmas and Clyde Brummett left. The decision was that the topic would be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carrie Jo Parmley
Secretary/Treasurer**