



# Idaho Association of County Engineers and Road Supervisors

## Annual Business meeting – November 3, 2023

The annual business meeting was called to order by President Weston Hawkes at 1:00 pm on November 3, 2023.

Weston asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2022; Troy Moser motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Brandon Jones and so carried.

### **Secretary/Treasurer Report by Wendy Adamsen:**

The balance in checking is \$501.61, savings \$77,362.34 for total cash on hand \$77,863.95. Total expense for F2023 was \$100.00 for past President gift, business registration fees \$876.00 for NACE National convention, subscriptions \$697.91 which includes QuickBooks, our website and Zoom, travel expenses for NACE National convention was \$3,410.25; for total expenses for F2023 was \$5,084.16.

F2024 membership currently is 34. Wendy then stated that it was the decision of the Board that if you attend this business meeting that your dues will be refunded this year; so she sent around a sign-in sheet and will issue refund checks next week.

With no questions, Ryan Henggeler made motion to accept the financials, Kelly Rost seconded the motion and with no one opposed it was carried.

### **President Report by Weston Hawkes:**

Three years ago, Darryl helped set up with IAHD for this convention and with our efforts to help with the convention they send us a check for \$7,000.00 which is very beneficial for us. He then stated that this past year has been difficult to hold training across the state with the extra monies that the Legislators have given us which has created more projects for all of us; hopefully this next year that will change. Weston then stated that further down the agenda we will be asking for district reports and that the hope is that someone will step up and become district representative.

### **Past President Report by Darryl Johnson:**

He started off thanking all the Board members for all they have done this past year; he also stated that if you haven't had the chance to thank Nick and Savannah for all their hard work to put on this convention please do. He also stated for those who don't know that in the past the IACERS put on their own portion of the convention which created a lot of redundancy in the training, so this has been a much better format. At last year's business meeting, we were looking for volunteers to become both member at large and a NACE representative, we were able to have Michael Lenz become our member at large and Troy Moser our NACE representative. Darryl then stated that over the last couple of years our membership has dropped so we need to find a way to represent IACERS better and defining the purpose

of IACERS; he stated that he believes that it all starts at the district level by having training; even if you aren't a district representative and you have some kind of training please get a hold of Wendy so that she can spread the word to have people attend.

#### **Vice President Report by Lance Bates:**

Lance stated that he wanted to thank Weston, Darryl and Michael for coming on, it has been a learning experience for him to try and learn what IACERS is about and probably that way for many of you; what we have to figure out is how we can support each other better. Lance went on to say that the training that has been put on this week, at times, has been more geared towards highway districts as opposed to counties, counties face other obstacles that highway districts don't so this organization can really help with this. Lastly, Lance stated that he has been working really hard to get the resources out to help with all the challenges that we all face.

#### **NACE Representative:**

Troy started off by thanking Weston for this last year, he has set a good example by holding the bridge training in his area; this is exactly what we need to be doing across the state by holding training and networking, networking builds strength. Troy stated that he is new to NACE but he did attend the convention this last spring, he does plan on attending next spring as well. Troy then would like to encourage each organization to have at least one employee join NACE as a member. He also stated that by having more representation, it would give us more voting power in this region of the United States as currently we only have 7 representatives for Idaho. He then stated that the Western region is now represented by someone from California but that seems so far away, there is talk of splitting the Western region in two which then would give our representative closer to us.

#### **Member at Large:**

Forgot to put on agenda.

#### **District Updates:**

District 1 – Michael Lenz stated that when he jumped on board he has no idea of what IACERS was supposed to look like, what he has consistently heard is that we used to provide a lot of good training and information and that is what made IACERS so great. Michael then stated that he just didn't have a lot of time to put on any training but he has been networking in his district find out what kind of training people are wanting rather its different kinds of products or refresher courses; he will let Wendy know when he gets some of these classes put together so she can get the word out.

District 2 – no update – will need to find a representative.

District 3 – Jim Ashley agreed to be the new district 3 representative, he stated that he has been getting some training with the railroad in his district.

District 4 – Weston Hawkes stated that this last summer we put on a class on bridge construction, had a good time visiting and collaborating with each other; he also stated that they do a lot of projects together that saves the tax payers a lot of money. After some discussion Ted Beus agreed to be the new district 4 representative.

District 5 – Troy Moser stated that we used to meet 2 to 3 times per year in his district then COVID hit. Then we combined our convention with IAHD which was a good thing. The trick to IACERS again is getting our districts strong and that would get our membership up. Troy has met with his district 5 people and they are on board to get their district strong again by this time next year.

District 6 – Brandon Jones stated that he really likes hearing what everyone else is doing in their districts; he really at this time wanted to know what it takes to become a district representative at which time he would volunteer to become the district 6 representative.

Weston stated that he will be available until May, and he stated that he would be more than willing to put on some welding safety classes for anyone interested, just let him know.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Weston stated that he had briefly thought it was a good idea to start a scholarship program like IAHD has but quickly found that our organization can't because our money is received by public entities which our public funds. Wendy stated that we do however, have the scholarship program thru the T-2 center and that LHTAC has the application that members can submit and if approved we would pay a portion of the fee for their classes.
2. The 2024 convention will be in Coeur D'Alene on November 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024; does anyone have any problems with us to enter into a contract for next year with IAHD which consist of our Board helping out with the convention both leading up to and at the convention and in return we get a check for \$7,000.00. Brandon Jones made motion to enter into the contract and it was seconded with no opposed, it was carried.
3. Weston stated that he will be retiring in two weeks therefore he will not be able to fulfill his position as President for next year, so everyone would need to move up a position a year early and Darryl agreed to remain Past President for one additional year. After some discussion, Ryan motioned to have everyone move up a year early and that Darryl would remain Past President for an additional year, Jim Ashley seconded the motion and it was carried. Therefore we need to fill the Member at Large position, Wendy nominated Jim Ashley with Payette County Road and Bridge, Ryan Henggeler seconded the motion with no opposed, it was carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by Ryan Henggeler and Seconded by Troy Moser. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.