



Idaho Association of County Engineers and Road Supervisors

Annual Business meeting – November 17, 2022

The annual business meeting was called to order by President Darryl Johnson at 1:00 pm on November 17, 2022.

Darryl asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 8, 2021 and October 5, 2022; Troy Moser motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Brandon Jones and so carried.

Darryl stated that he would like to define the membership levels as defined in our By-Laws. First level is member that is limited to county engineers, directors of public works, county or highway district supervisors, county or highway district road foreman and highway district clerks. Secondly, is the associate member who is an assistant or deputy to any of the regular member and cannot hold office or vote unless their member cannot be present. Lastly, the affiliate member is an engineering firm or administration of Federal or State agencies whose interest or policies bring them in contact with a member, they cannot hold office or vote.

President Report by Darryl Johnson:

The last two years have been pretty rough due to COVID, unfortunately when he took over as President this is the first meeting we have all been able to get together in-person; he also stated that he would love to get everyone's feedback from both associations on this year's conference; Savannah has all your contact information and will be sending out a survey, so please fill it out. Darryl then stated that we really need to promote IACERS membership as well as being involved with IACERS, we also need to encourage members to come to the conference; we need to provide our purpose which is networking, training and tools to help in ones positions, we need participation from all not only during the conference but throughout the year! We have talked about providing local training throughout the year as well as providing more tools throughout the year; we will ask Wendy to distribute member list that will include contact information. Lastly, he thanked Kevin Howard for all of his hard work and dedication and presented him with a card and gift.

Past President Report by Kevin Howard:

He stated that there just hasn't been a lot of activity over the past couple of years but welcomes ideas on how to make the Associations better and get back to what the original intent is of our organization. He also stated that there has to be benefit for all of you to be here, so we need to rise to the occasion and provide that benefit.

Vice President Report by Weston Hawkes:

Weston stated that he is willing to serve and he agreed with everything that Darryl stated, he will work hard to reinvigorate the IACERS, resume regional meetings but we all need to take responsibility for this

organization. He stated that he would love to meet with everyone and build those bridges so that we can have more participation.

Member at Large by Lance Bates:

Nothing to report at this time.

Secretary/Treasurer Report by Wendy Adamsen:

The balance in checking is \$268.83, savings \$70,333.89 for total cash on hand \$70,602.72. Total expense for F2022 was \$629.91 which was for \$180.00 for the web page, \$315.00 for the account software and \$134.91 for Zoom. Total revenue for F2022 was \$3,267.47 which includes \$37.47 in interest and \$3,230.00 for membership dues.

Membership dues are dropping off from year to year, in F2021 we had 43 members which was comprised of 26 counties, 16 highway district and 1 city while in F2022 we had 34 members which was comprised of 17 county, 15 highway district , 1 city and 1 engineering firm. Wendy also stated that the Board this year waived membership dues if you paid to attend the conference. I have included financials for the past 4 years so that you can see how we are doing and also show the last year we hosted the conference on our own, which we took a loss. Darryl stated that in order to make the conference more affordable we decided to waive the dues for members who attended the conference; we need to discuss this further and clarify what this looks like. With no questions, Weston Hawkes made motion to accept the financials, Lance Bates seconded the motion and with no one opposed it was carried.

NACE Representative Report – we currently don't have a NACE representative:

Nothing to report.

District Updates:

District 1 – no update

District 2 – no update

District 3 – no update

District 4 – Weston Hawkes stated that he held a regional meeting last summer and that he had 18 attend; they had a materials vendor attend and were able to get the cost of gravel down.

District 5 – no updates

District 6 – no updates

Elections:

Darryl stated that his term is up so he will be stepping down, there is a vacancy for member at large and asked for volunteers; with no one wanting to volunteer, we will leave that vacant for now until we can get a nomination committee together and hopefully be able to fill it at our spring Board meeting. Darryl then asked for a motion to advance everyone on the Board up to their next position, Brandon Jones moved to move everyone up and Troy Moser seconded the motion and it was carried.

President Report Weston Hawkes:

Weston stated that 13 years ago he was asked to apply for his position at the highway district and 10 years with the city; there are a lot of days that he doesn't feel like he knows very much and today is one of them. We will start making phone calls and see if we can rejuvenate this organization and make it worthwhile for us to be here; let's get some regional activities going so that we have those reports. Michael Linz stated that he just doesn't know what the purpose of the IACERS is so he doesn't want to get involved until he has a better understanding as well as what we are looking for from everyone. Weston stated that we promote education amongst our members to better serve our tax payers by being better at our jobs; we do that by supporting each other. Kevin stated that we are heavily involved with NACE as well as our members attending their meetings, we used to have our own convention but because we are all volunteers it's extremely hard and time consuming to put on the conference alone. Kevin also stated that our goals are in the by-laws which we can email to all the membership, he also stated that this organization is only as good as we make it. Mandi stated that IACERS are more hands on than IAHD and this is why there were two different organizations; IAHD used to be for the commissioner's only but through the years they started having directors, foreman and clerks attend. Mandi also suggested that if we had the annual meeting at the beginning of the conference we would probably have more attend rather than having it at the end or even during a class time. Weston then stated that we did have input with the types of classes that were put on during the conference with IAHD. Darryl stated that we really need feedback on how this joint conference is doing, we also are aware that we need to be more of a voice at the table but he feels that we are improving from the first time we had a joint conference. It was discussed again that we need to identify the district representatives again; this will all take some work but it shouldn't just be the Board taking all the responsibility to work on this; there was also comment that this organization needs to be more benefit than just this one meeting. Weston then called for a motion to continue working with IAHD for the conference, Brandon Jones make a motion, Matt Boulder seconded the motion and with no objections it was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Idaho NACE representative – We currently don't have a NACE representative but Tom Fellows who is the regional NACE representative attended and was able to address the whole membership earlier in the week. Tom then stated once we have a Idaho representative it will be their responsibility to attend at least two meetings per year. There is also a National convention that they could attend which they would then be able to bring concerns from Idaho to a National level including legislation. Tom also stated that if anyone would like to attend their meetings in Oregon he would love for us to come to one of our meetings this spring so that we can all work together on some things.
2. Weston stated that we should all be reaching out to our State Legislator's on issues that affect our budgets, he also stated that it goes a longer way to send letter thru the mail or a phone call rather than emails. It was stated that they still have the day at the capitol in February which is a good way to speak with our legislators. Kevin also stated that Nick works with the county association lobbyist on some issues; it would
3. There was then discussion on how the county association and highway district association lobbyist can work together on some issues. It was also discussed that it would be a good idea to invite Seth Grigg with IAC (Idaho Association of Counties) to the conference next year.

4. Next year the conference will be in Boise and the following year we will be back in Coeur D'Alene; it was discussed that Sun Valley was really crowded and couldn't handle us anymore; however IAHD is looking into the new convention center in Idaho Falls.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing to discuss at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by Ted Beus and Seconded by Jeremy Rossier. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.