

Minutes of the N-CSA Board of Directors Meeting – June 4, 2023
Special One-Topic Meeting Regarding the June 16-17, 2023 AGM

1:00 pm Pacific Time, 2:00 pm Mountain Time, 3:00 pm Central Time, 4:00 pm Eastern Time

A. Call to Order

The meeting, conducted by Zoom, was called to order at 2:06 pm MDT by Chair Sheridan Langford.

B. Roll Call (Quorum requires 5 Board members)

Julia Alzofon, Bonnie Barcus, Irene Bernalley, Debby Bradford, Sam Cunningham, Sheridan Langford, Elizabeth Casso Lopez, Katherine Skye Tucker and Mickey Willenbring were on the call and constituted the quorum. Steve Banks and Nikyle Begay were present as guests.

C. Minutes of Previous Meetings – (05/07/23)

Sam moved that the minutes of 05/07/23 be accepted. Debby seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

D. Reports of Officers and Board

No reports at this time since this was a one-topic, AGM related meeting.

E. By-Law Changes

No report at this time since this was a one-topic, AGM related meeting.

F. Unfinished Business

1. 2023 Annual General Meeting, June 16-17 at the Navajo Nation Museum (NNM) in Window Rock, AZ

a. Presentations/Advertisement of the Event:

Presenters' Bios and Photos for Roy Kady to post to Facebook and Instagram are nearly complete. A Sheep is Life Flyer, Sheep is Life/N-CSA Agenda (to be updated), lodging information, sheep show entry form and a wool show entry form have been posted to the N-CSA Website.

b. Facility Rental:

Due to some SIL weaving demonstrations and a rug display, the Lobby will be needed. Rental for the Lobby was discussed and approved by the Board. A deposit for facility rental is needed two weeks in advance. Bonnie will contact Nate at the NNM to get that done. We are allowed to arrive and set up on Thursday. Areas for the Sheep Show arena and camping have been designated. We will need a hose for water, 200-300 feet in length.

c. Banquet:

Nikyle will try to source a wood burning grill for Ron. Imprinted aprons for Ron and his crew have been ordered by Mickey. Ron has been told to expect 30-50 people to attend the Saturday night banquet. We will accept voluntary donations to cover Banquet costs. Doing so at registration and/or at the Friday night business meeting would help estimate attendance ahead of time.

d. Silent Auction:

Dixie is continuing to solicit donations for the Silent Auction. Sam states that an original spinning wheel of Pam Ramsey's will be available for bid.

e. Sheep Show/Wool Show:

Wooden plaques are ordered and Bonnie expects to pick them up soon. Nikyle has located corral panels for the sheep show and will get them to the venue. SIL volunteers are expected to be on site to set up the arena.

f. Vendors:

Roy will be contacted for a closer estimate of vendor numbers. Katherine is bringing wrist bands for identification of registered vendors.

g. Lunch:

Nikyle reports that there are many dining choices very near the NNM venue and that a native owned food truck will be invited to show up for lunches.

h. N-CSA payment to host hotel, Quality Inn:

Bonnie will need to stop by at the beginning of the conference to sign in and register the N-CSA credit card. Linda Poole's room will now be paid directly by the National Center of Appropriate Technologies (NCAT). Linda and Sheri will be communicating to see if they might share a ride from Albuquerque International Airport to Window Rock, AZ.

i. N-CSA Booth:

Booth duties will be shared among volunteers as their schedules allow.

j. Name Badges:

Katherine is putting together badges for the presenters and N-CSA Board members plus some others. Special stickers will be attached to the badges of certain Board members to indicate whom to contact for special information. Some blank badges will be available to label at the time of registration.

k. Travel Papers:

If you are bringing sheep to the event, please observe all required health checks and carry the proper paperwork with you. Entry to the Navajo Reservation is covered by Arizona State permit. If you purchase sheep at the event, Dr. Ruby will be available to provide travel papers for your trip home.

H. Set Next Conference Call Date & Adjourn

1. The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, held outdoors, both in-person and by Zoom, Friday, June 16, 2023 starting at approximately 5:30 pm at the Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, Arizona.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm MDT by Chair Sheri Langford.