

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the NCEES Western Zone Planning Committee Meeting
Held virtually, Tuesday, November 9,2021

Chair Karen Purcell, PE declaring a quorum present, called the meeting to order at 2:30pm, held virtually along with board members Angelo Spata, PE; Thomas Matter, Public Member; Also present were Patty Mamola, PE, Executive Director; Murray Blaney; Compliance/Operations; Derek Vogel, Communications/Compliance.

1. Meeting conducted by Committee Chair Karen Purcell, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum—committee members: Karen Purcell, Angelo Spata, Thomas Matter, Robert Fyda.

All committee members were present.

2. Public Comment Period

None.

3. Discuss hosting of NCEES Western Zone Interim meeting in Nevada, May 19-21, 2022.

Ms Purcell begins the meeting and Ms Mamola gives an outline based on the questionnaire she sent to NCEES. Derek prepared a meeting outline.

Ms Purcell asks about travel days and Patty confirms it's usually Thursday. Mr Vogel explains that we listed Wednesday because of the golf event.

Ms Mamola asks about the room rate, and group discussion confirms it is ~\$275, down from the standard \$775 nightly rate.

Mr Vogel mentions the golf event starting time of 11:00 am on Thursday to allow completion before the evening reception. Mr Matter agrees that 5-1/2 hours should be enough time.

Mr Vogel suggests that they continue discussing the golf event, even though it is listed later in the outline. He said it doesn't appear that there will be enough people for a scramble, but perhaps a small organized game of some kind. Ms Mamola says that she would still like to do a longest drive and closest to the pin competition, in lieu of a scramble.

Discussion about the course and time required to complete the round continues. Mr Matter offers his personal experiences. The group discusses the confirmed rate of \$125 per person, which is down from the usual \$250 price.

Ms Purcell asks if NVBPELS is responsible for organizing the foursomes and Mr Vogel explains that the pro shop can do that for us, if we need it. Likely players will organize themselves.

Ms Mamola says that Mr Vogel will create a postcard to send to attendees to generate interest. Mr Vogel explains it will be helpful to get a head count. Mr Matter offers that a photo from the course's website is the best advertisement.

Ms Mamola brings up the swag item and the \$15/person that has been allocated by NCEES. She suggests a Northern Nevada tie-in and asks Mr Matter if can leverage his UNR connections. He says that supplies are running short. Ms Purcell says she has contact a the Flag Store.

A discussion about different types of hats, flags, water bottles, and pins ensues. All agree that a Norther Nevada theme is key.

Ms Purcell asks about the anticipated attendance, and the group settles on 70.

A discussion about including Fray Ranch whiskey starts, and it is agreed that alcohol is probably not wise from a liability standpoint. Perhaps for the golf event, but not the general attendee swag bag. Other alcohol options are discussed, including Picon Punches served at the reception as well as Bentley distillery in Minden and Battle Born Beer.

Moving on to the Thursday night reception, Ms Mamola suggests we fine a Norther Nevada speaker and mentions Brian Sandoval or Ben Kieckhefer with MacDonald Carano – Republican, state legislator, now gaming commission.

Mr Matter asks if Ben would be a good Emcee. Mr Vogel says he has experience with Ben and he would be great.

Discussion continues about Brian Sandoval and Ben Kieckhefer with pros and cons for each. Ms Purcell asks if we need the speaker to be an emcee, and Ms Mamola responds no. We only need them to give a 10-minute welcome speech on Friday morning about our economy.

Discussion continues about potential speakers, and Stew Fagan and Chris Howard are mentioned. Mr Matter says that Chris is a successful businessman and Stew Fagan was the fourth person hired at Oracle. Mr Vogel mentions Lance Gilman, and Ms Mamola suggest Daren Schultz.

Ms Purcell says she saw Schultz speak at an EAR breakfast, and Mr Vogel says that it might be a good idea to look at the speakers for WIN and chamber.

Mr Matter suggest the UNR athletics radio announcer – John Randy Ryan Radke and says he can reach out to both of them.

Ms Mamola suggests we get started reaching out to those contacts. Mr Vogel encourages Karen, Patty and Tom to consider their professional contacts as well. Mr Matter suggests Chris Alt, and the group agrees he would be an excellent speaker.

Ms Mamola moves to the evening reception and says that she is trying to set up a site trip to meet with Edgewood's event planner. Ms Mamola asks about piped music, beach access and theater spaces. Mr Matter responds that most of those convention spaces are away from the lake.

The discussion about the facilities continues, and Nevada pins and flags are discussed as potential items for the reception

Mr Matter suggests a \$20 gift voucher at the clubhouse for golfers. Mr Vogel agrees and suggests a sweater or hat. The group discussed the economics of gift cards and how they can be used. Mr Vogel says he will bring that up to the golf pro and get more information.

Ms Purcell asks if we booked the whole hotel. Ms Mamola says there are a few rooms left.

Ms Mamola moves on to Friday schedule and mentions Grant Corrigan for an inspirational speaker. He got a mechanical engineering degree. The group approves.

Mr Vogel asks Ms Mamola if she can reach Grant, and she confirms she knows his wife.

Ms Mamola says that Scott Bishop will likely emcee the Friday evening event and maybe we can announce golf winners. The itinerary is cocktails, mingle, plated dinner and maybe live music – String Beings. Then maybe Paul Pace as a speaker, who is available. He would talk about the 1872 Von Schmidt survey. Chris McKenzie also has a suggestion for the author of the book “Bonanza King”.

Mr Matter says that he saw the speaker 15 years ago at a Lion’s Club dinner and he was phenomenal. He was like a poet with lots of Nevada history. Ms Mamola suggests we contact the Lion’s club to get his name.

Mr Matter mentions the unique history of Nevada cities. Mr Matter says he can get a list of interesting facts.

Ms Mamola moves on to Saturday seated breakfast and NCEES award ceremony. She says there is no lunch scheduled.

A discussion recapping what was discussed and the speakers ensues, and everyone agrees the approach for the event is good.

4. Public Comment Period

None.

5. Adjourn