

NALIP BOD Meeting— Via Teleconference – Friday, May 1, 2009

Present: Beni Matias, Moctesuma Esparza, Rick Ramirez, Maria Agui Carter, Margarita De la Vega Hurtado, Evy Ledesma Galan, Elaine Romero, Neyda Luz Martinez, Kirk Whisler, Bernardo Ruiz, Augustine Medina (of counsel), Evangeline Griego

Absent: Flavio Morales, Alexis Garcia, David Ortiz, Frances Negrón-Muntaner, Arturo Barquet, Porfirio Piña

Staff: Kathryn Galán

Meeting called to Order at 11:10 a.m PDT

1. Minutes from April 17 amended to reflect the new 2009 advocacy committee members. MOTION by De la Vega Hurtado to pass as amended; Martinez seconds. UNANIMOUS
2. Ledesma Galan reviewed financial standing and reports, including conference cost estimates. While 80% of the 2009 budgeted income has been received or is likely committed to the organization, the Board must join staff in intensive efforts to identify and secure the remaining 20% from corporations, foundations and individual donors. Board will be assigned follows up calls on the Conference guests and other major executives likely to be in a position to make a financial contribution. Discussion of NALIP Line of credit; Griego to investigate alternatives. Ruiz to work on a meeting at the Ford Foundation under the new priorities. Whisler to develop a list of new potential Trustees, and pursue invitations with staff. Staff directed to research city workforce development funding under the Recovery Act.

Additional suggestions for trimming the approved 2009 budget were made, including a cost reduction in the LPA similar to that of the Conference and LWL. Staff to work on a revised budget and curriculum plan.

3. Board brought up to date on ongoing negotiations with Heritage Hotels regarding a small balance due on the 2008 hotel expense, along with the possibility of returning to do a 2009 contract with the same venue. New Mexico counsel may need to be engaged, in order to respond to the complaint while negotiations are ongoing between staff and Hotel. Griego has relationships in New Mexico; she will be in touch with Medina about candidates, if needed.
4. De la Vega Hurtado to work with Negrón-Muntaner, Romero and Carter to develop guidelines and an action plan for the Board of Advisors, then submit it to the Board at the summer meeting, including recommendations on initial members and tasks.
5. Staff to discuss potential July meeting dates with Chair and propose to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM

Minutes submitted by Marie Agui Carter, Secretary