

# **NR URISA MEETING MINUTES**

## **August 16, 2005**

### **Regional Meetings:**

Regional meetings were held in all three Idaho regions in August. New ideas and plans for future meetings sound good. We discussed putting regional meetings on as a budget item for bookkeeping purposes. Betty is going to contact people who attended the meetings for future involvement.

### **Workshops:**

We will analyze the results of the workshop survey to help plan for upcoming workshops. A contribution of ideas for workshop resources at the next meeting will help us better plan and find appropriate teachers/organizations. A workshop budget was also mentioned and we will talk about that item as well on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Budget:**

A vote passed to approve all our monthly expenses for Donna to pay. Including reimbursement for expenses paid by individuals for the regional meetings. We will be developing a budget plan to better account for expenditures and to follow better accounting practices.

### **Newsletter:**

Bill and Angela will begin a newsletter to be emailed to members on events, meetings, and current chapter news. This will also be posted on our website.

### **Education Committee:**

There is interest in forming an education committee to research opportunities and resources. Please email the chapter members with any ideas and or interest.

### **Geographic Region of NR URISA:**

A discussion about the boundary of our chapter extents led us to the conclusion we would recognize the extent of Idaho as our chapter boundaries as does National URISA. Although membership is open to anyone located in our neighboring states.

### **Officer terms:**

Officer terms of NR URISA shall remain July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the second year. Terms shall be two years in length, providing participation in conference and non-conference years. Our group also had a discussion regarding 'staggering' the officers election and term. NR URISA has decided this would not be beneficial to the growth of our group in that officers often move up to next level and this would be out of sync to fill in this manner.

### **ByLaws:**

In review of the bylaws we considered to change, we will be determining officers are two years, it will remain July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Membership will be January to December. We will vote and finalize this at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Nat'l URISA Conference:**

National URISA provides one free attendance to the annual conference. We shall set the protocol in the policy for the use of this opportunity. The President of NR URISA shall have first option to use this, followed by the Vice President, Secretary, then Treasurer, in that order. Our chapter will provide airfare, hotel, and a subsidy allowance for per diem. Officers may opt out of using this fund, in which case the officer directly following will have the next option, and so on.

The person attending the National URISA Conference using these funds shall report for our chapter at the Board Members Meeting and give a report back to the chapter. Bringing ideas for membership and benefits, and a report on the conference proceedings.