September 13, 2016, 5 pm ET MINUTES

Elizabethtown Service Center KASCOE DIRECTORS MEETING

Elizabethtown, KY

Present: Diane Dunn, Coy Higdon, Karen Evans, Kellie Samuels, Adam Haggard, Dana McKinney, Runita Rice, Gera Ferguson, Kelli Rouse, Lindsey New, Kay Barton (by phone), and Jeanie Williams.

Documents provided to begin meeting: Agenda 9/13/16, Agenda and Notes for Convention Nov 2016, Travel Claim, KASCOE Travel Policy, KASCOE Constitution and By-Laws, and Polled Minutes 8/15/16.

President Dana McKinney called the meeting to order. Due to a number of new faces, each person gave their name and service center location as an introduction and to begin the meeting.

President McKinney gave an update on the Legislative Leadership Conference. It was noted that we had previously voted to send 3 attendees from KY to the Sept 19-22 meeting in WDC. Kevin Whitaker has since decided not to participate, and due to timing of notification, he will not be replaced. The two members who will be representing KY are Dawn Ovesen and Kenni Crane (Legislative Chair).

Upcoming District Wellness Days were discussed. In an effort to boost employee morale and employee association involvement with our members, Awards Chair, Katie Taylor, suggested that we sponsor some awards at the Wellness Days. FOIA request was submitted to STO Specialist, Javier Garza, who has been working with Ms. Taylor, Lindsey New, and Dana McKinney to present us with numbers and reports to support the service centers/counties who will be receiving the awards. Some of the reports will not be able to be used (crop reporting), as it was thought important to make it fair for all offices and take into consideration a smaller workload office not being able to obtain the same numbers as a heavier workload office. Percentages of totals will be used when available in an effort to make it fair.

Lindsey New passed out KASCOE Members Discounts information sent with her by Benefits Chair, Nicole Denney. Nicole asked that this information be shared at the upcoming Wellness Days. Lindsey also included registration forms for convention to be shared as well.

Polled Minutes for 8/15/16 regarding the Convention Contract were reviewed. Motion was made by Lindsey New to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Karen Evans. All in favor. No opposition.

Travel for Incoming Directors: Since the by-laws of KASCOE state that new Directors term begin as of Sept 15 after election has been completed. This meeting of new Directors had to be scheduled prior to Sept 15 due to scheduling issues. Motion was made by Karen Evans and seconded by Runita Rice to approve travel to be paid after Sept 15, 2016, for all Director attending the meeting on Sept 13, 2016. The purpose of this meeting was to complete the election of Officers for the upcoming 2016-18 years.

Convention details were discussed. President McKinney read aloud and went over the agenda and notes for the convention. Lindsey New agreed to prepare some information to have available at the convention listing local attractions for interested parties looking for something to do on Thursday morning before the meetings open. STO Panel members were discussed. Will probably consist of Mr. McCauley, and likely Debbie Wakefield, since she will already be on site. We would like to have someone from FLP be a part of the panel, too, since KACS will be meeting with us. We could invite Mike Hoyt, Clark or someone else to do this. Coy Higdon mentioned he would like to see someone from Programs be on the panel. Jason Issac (Acting Program Chief) will be contacted to see if he will be attending and interested in being on the panel. Dana McKinney noted that she is currently working with STO trying to be a webinar link for the TSP webinar that is planned on Thursday, and we may have to reimburse the Agency (STO) for the use of the webinar link, not sure yet, and not sure it will work at all. Lindsey New stated that in the event that it does not work, she has an idea for a pre-recorded Retirement training she has viewed and felt that it was worthwhile. It was determined we would all try and get what we could for the goody bags and put them together on Wednesday evening at the Directors Meeting. We discussed food for the hospitality room and decided since the refrigerator in the room is quite small, we will make home-made goodies that need no refrigeration and bring. Jeanie Williams stated the retirees will help with preparing the hospitality room. Vendors to be invited to the convention include Blue Cross Blue Shield, JM Marketing, and Dillard’s Retirement (who is on the agenda to speak on Thursday). Motion was made by Kay Barton and seconded by Karen Evans to invite NASCOE President Wes Daniels, in addition to Area Executive, David Curtis.

President McKinney announced election of officers for the upcoming term. The floor was opened for nominations for President. Diane Dunn nominated Kay Barton. The call was made for other nominations. With no response to the call, Lindsey New made the motion to cease nominations for President. Kay Barton was elected President by acclimation.

The floor was opened for Vice President nominations. Karen Evans and Kay Barton nominated Diane Dunn. The call was made for other nominations. With no response, Coy Higdon made the motion to cease nominations for Vice President. Diane Dunn was elected Vice President by acclimation.

The floor was opened for Secretary nominations. Diane Dunn nominated Dana McKinney. The call was made for other nominations. With no response, Lindsey New made the motion to cease nominations for Secretary. Dana McKinney was elected Secretary by acclimation.

The floor was opened for Treasurer nominations. Runita Rice nominated Patti Karn. The call was made for other nominations. With no response, Karen Evans made the motion to cease nominations for Treasurer. Patti Karn was elected Treasurer by acclimation.

Jeanie Williams, President of Fan KASCOE, stated that Laura Howell has been appointed to serve as Associate Retiree Director in the event she (Jeanie) cannot attend meetings.

Coy Higdon voiced his concerns over continuing Lead PT issues and the failure of the STO to approve requests for shared management operations in the western part of the state. President McKinney stated that Handbook Amendments are in the making that will force STOs to address issues of this nature that have been avoided. Coy went on further to say he would like to see KASCOE insist the STO follow policy. Plan was made to invite President Wes Daniels to the Directors Meeting on Wednesday before the convention to discuss what can be done and how KASCOE can be of support for this important issue.

Lindsey New provided copies of the results of the recent survey completed by KASCOE members.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Lindsey New, second by Coy Higdon. No opposition.

Next scheduled meeting: November 2, 2016, 6 pm ET at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY