

The Region 9 Director, Bess Reineman, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. on Wednesday, December 03, 2008.

Attendees introduced themselves. Those present included Jennie Bohart, DDC; Sally Chionsini, BACH; Jan Colley, CTDS; Joan Darnell DDC, Sherry Guess, ODS; Susan Howard, CTDS; Paul Kathen, HDS; Marilyn Kulifay, HDS; Kathryn Kyle, PM; Nicole Landreneau, SEDA; Bruce Lawrie, DDC; Sarah Jane Martin, BACH; Donna Meyer, BACH, HDS; Vera Mukleroy, ADA; Sarah Parsons LEDA, Susan Peacock, ODS; Elizabeth Rice, MSED; Evie Tumlin, MSED; Mary Wetzel, ODS.

The 2008 Aug Summer Regional meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections.

We discussed the printout of the Regional timeline. Bess asked for questions or corrections. The timeline will be posted on the website, emailed to GMOs and Eblast to members. Bess is in hope that the GMOs will put the timeline in their newsletters. A motion to approve the timeline was made by Paul and seconded by Kat. The motion was approved.

Marilyn moved and Kat seconded to approve the budget. We discussed the budget and the need for another source of income. The budget was approved.

Kat moved and Sally seconded to have a regional fund raising committee; the motion passed. Members of the committee include Vera, Kat, Elizabeth, Susan, and Jeannie. Vera was appointed Chair.

We then discussed Regional reports. One issue discussed was GMO IRS compliancy. 501c3 documentation for each GMO must be turned into the USDF office.

Sam Barish, USDF President arrived and was introduced. Sam asked for comments and concerns. We discussed GMO compliance. Elizabeth Rice who is a CPA stated she is having trouble doing creating a 501c3. Possible help was discussed. Sam also stated that USDF has a requirement in its bylaws that all GMOs report all of their membership.

Sam discussed the draft of the USDF Governance Recommendations. Stephen Heinzsch arrived and also discussed the new Governance Recommendation.

The 2009 Omnibus link is now on the Region 9 website. The 2009 Omnibus will be mailed Dec 8 or 9.

The meeting was adjourned @ 12:02 pm.