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Oregon Tilth Conference Call Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 5:00-7:00 PM

Board Members Attending:

Susan Schechter David Granatstein Harry MacCormack Miguel Guerrero

Shelby Zadow

Staff Attending:

Chris Schreiner Connie Karr

Jessie Hancock-Malo (taking minutes) Erin O'Donnell Andrew Black Kelly O'Donnell

Members/Public Attending:

Lynn Coody Andy Bennett Kristy Korb Joel Reiten Beth Unger Stephanie Howard Rebecca Willows Gay Timmons

5:00-5:10 Welcome, Introductions, Logistics

Meeting Begins 5:03pm

5:10-5:20 1. Member Comment

Harry shared that OTA offered a grant for GMO

David shared issue at NOSB mtg that OTA has mis-information on website

5:20-5:30 2. Consent Agenda

February minutes approved 6-0-0 (per electronic consensus)
March minutes approved 5-0-1 (per electronic consensus)

ED Report

EL-4

Board member inquires if these are quarterly reports Is ecert expense considered a debt?

Items un-budgeted for would still require approval

5:30-5:35 3. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- El-2 Treatment of Staff Direct Inspection
 To be discussed in Executive Session at this meeting
- Minutes from December General Membership meeting
 Minutes will be revised and emailed out to board then to ED for approval
 at next meeting.
- Minutes from January in-person meeting

 To be discussed with Miguel and JJ prior to approval via email.
- 5:35-5:40 4. Action from last month's Monitoring Report e-mail feedback.
 - This will be discussed during Executive session tonight.
- 5:40-5:45 5. Nominations Committee Check In
 - Committee has vetted Andy Bennett
 - Peggy Miars from OMRI has shown interest in serving on board.
- 5:45-5:55 6. Committee check-in

Membership Advisory- board supervised but not board owned

Input from MAC not to be focused on operational details

Update from Committee:

- -Technical issues with Go-To Meeting
- Terms of reference document created
- Joel Reiten to Chair
- List of ideas for advisory committee to focus on

OTCO Management Review Committee

- For 2012 OTCO has maintained orderly quarterly reports
- Internal audit by staff: Small details to adjust
- Internal (external) audit by third party: No non-compliances
- NOP Accreditation audit every five years done in 2012: No non-compliances. COR issues found with IOAS were corrected when NOP audit occurred.
- IOAS Accreditation audit: Main issues with COR certification, majority of issues focused on timing of audit and new implementation of COR standards.
- Dashboard metrics being worked on by staff utilizing Ecert.
- Shows the consistency and value in Ecert while performing audits, system allowed a higher degree of transparency for the external auditors.

5:55-6:15 7. Other Business & Announcements

- Announcement from Miguel
 Will be resigning from the board effective immediately
- Sign-up for Monitoring reports and writing of E-News and IGT
 Harry will write the e-newsletter for May
 David will write on the management review process for IGT
 JJ will write June e-newsletter
 See calendar for further on drop box

- Discuss in-person meeting: challenge about when to hold meeting and agenda items

June 22 is looking more promising, waiting for confirmation from JJ

6:15-6:20 8. Homework – All

6:25-6:30 9. Meeting Evaluation – All

Modify consent agenda portion of meeting possibly

- Vigilant to "use" policy governance not policy governance using us Standardized agenda to increase effectiveness.
- Have policy governance be a portion of the meeting not the entire meeting
- Discuss strategies vs details on policy governance.

6:30-7:00 10. Executive Session Begins 6:37 PM