

Meeting Minutes
Spring NAFIS Conference 2016
Monday, March 14, 2016

I. President Tom Schneider called the meeting to order and thanked the membership for attending. He noted that yesterday was information day and today is work day. He distributed the Talking Points handout to take to the Hill on Tuesday.

II. Information Items

- A. Website Update – Terry Tamblyn reported that the new website (FLISA.org) has been up and running for three months. A national firm was hired to assist in the development and we have received 342 hits to date. Further information regarding the website are as follows:
 - 1. Developed for mobile devices.
 - 2. Twitter feed
 - 3. Links to NAFIS, Hyatt, History of FLISA, Bluebook, all member district websites
 - 4. Needs pictures and videos from member districts
 - 5. Requesting an interactive map of the United States with a pin depicting each district
 - 6. Remind the Legislative Aides to visit our website when you go to the Hill
- B. New Membership Introductions – there were representatives from Bryson City, North Carolina, Shoreline Unified in San Diego, Edmonson, Kentucky and Billy Walker, President of TAFIS (Texas Association of Federally Impacted Schools).
- C. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the 2016 winter meeting were presented for approval. Sandy Doebert moved and Elaine Janson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 8, 2016 winter meeting. Motion Carried.
- D. Treasurer’s Report – Tom Gregory reviewed the current budget report noting the \$10,000 line item for the website development and the successful spend down of the reserve. Tom stated that as of to date we have 81 paid member districts. The new budget will be approved at the June summer meeting. Elaine Janson moved to approve the treasurer’s report and Mark Naugle seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- E. Board Elections – Elaine Janson presented the slate of candidates as presented by the executive board:
 - 1. Bob Reichert – President
 - 2. Craig Hutcheson – President Elect
 - 3. Karen Huddleston – Member at Large I (Replacing Craig)
 - 4. Jason Stowe – Member at Large IIHaving no nominations from the floor, Sandy Doebert moved to approve the slate of candidates as presented and Tom Davenport seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Elaine presented outgoing president Tom Schneider with an award of recognition for his service as president of FLISA.

- F. History of FLISA – Tom Madden gave a brief overview of the origins of FLISA from the early 1990’s to today. Tom Madden then recognized Elaine Janson for her service to the FLISA organization and the commitment she made to continue attending at her own expense after her retirement two years ago.
- G. Summer Meeting – Tom Madden distributed the registration form for the upcoming summer meeting to be held on June 25, 2016 at the Whitehall Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.
- H. Winter Meeting – Tom Madden reported that the winter meeting will be held on January 7, 2017 in Texas with the exact location to be determined within the next month. (This meeting will be held at the Driskill Hotel in Austin, TX)

III. Continued Work on the Advocacy Action Plan Implementation – Tom Schneider had the membership split into their respective work groups and distributed the “Goals to Committee Work” handout as a guideline. After thirty minutes the membership reconvened and reported on their progress.

A. Technology Committee

1. Work with the website developer to have an interactive map in place by the summer meeting
2. Development of an RSS feed with notifications – user driven
3. Posting of videos - FLISA dollars at work!

B. Messaging Committee

1. Make sure this is directly tied to students
2. Interaction with other committees
3. Calculations on the loss of revenue are not accurate from the Department of Education, so they want to put the correct information on the website so districts can validate the data.
4. Place on website for new people
5. F.A.Q. on website
6. Glossary of terms on website

C. Involvement Committee

1. Focus is to reach out to folks at the state level
2. Determine the best way to organize at the state level
3. Develop an accurate data base with contact information for those involved with Impact Aid.
4. Focus needs to be on getting the message across on a state by state basis

IV. Department of Education Update – Robin Robinson updated the membership on the following items:

A. FY17 Applications – 222 received

B. Legislation changes – Effective with the passage of ESSA on December 10 2015, the 7 year rule has been eliminated and the 2013 payment formula is now made permanent.

1. Foundation payments paid out first for current districts
2. Highland Falls paid out next
3. Foundation payments for new applicants paid with remaining funds

C. Payment Status

1. FY12 final payments have been issued
2. FY16 initial payments have been issued
3. FY13 final payments to be issued by the end of April
4. FY14 final payments to be issued by the end of May

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.