

**FERMA Membership Business Meeting – Minutes  
Summer Conference  
Lido Beach Resort, Sarasota, FL  
July 18, 2014**

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the FERMA General Membership Summer Conference was called to order on July 18, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. by Tony Ganstine, President.

**Board Members Present:** Bo Birt, Tony Ganstine, Linda King, Bonnie McFarland, Michael Millett, Robert Stratton, Kevin Windham

Attendance also included the general membership of FERMA.

The meeting started with Tony Ganstine thanking everyone for attending.

**Board Member Nomination Committee**

The Nomination Committee members are Chauncey Fagler, Deborah Henry, Linda King and John Radcliffe.

Nomination for the 2014-2015 Board included:

Kevin Windham	President
Tony Ganstine	Past President
Robert Stratton	President Elect
Bo Birt	Treasurer
Bonnie McFarland	Board Member
Lisa Becker	Board Member
April Paul	Board Member

*Motion made by John Radcliffe, second by Mark Langdorf to accept the 2014-2015 Board nominations as presented above. Motion passed with unanimous approval.*

**Hotel Contract – Stay at Lido Beach Reminder**

Kevin Windham informed the members the Board researched other places to hold the conference in the future. In their research they were unable to find another property that offered the rates and beach front property Lido Beach Resort offered.

After discussion the members agreed to keep the conference at Lido Beach Resort and agreed to a two year contract.

The members were reminded to book their rooms early for next year.

**Changing Vendor Registration Cost for 2015:**

- a. Raising registration cost to \$275 and not include 3 attendees
- b. Only Silver – Platinum Sponsorship will include 3 registrations

Kevin Windham explained to the members raising the rates and not including additional attendees would help with the room and Thursday night attendee count issues.

*Motion made by Linda King, second by Glenn Lathers to raise the rates and not include 3 attendees. Motion passed with unanimous approval.*

### **Report of the Treasurer**

Bo Birt thanked Michael Millett for the wonderful condition the reports were he handed down to him and the hard work he did last year. Bo Birt presented the FERMA July 18, 2014 Treasurer's Report which indicates positive results for the last 12 month period.

*Motion made by Tony Ganstine, second by Ted Pafundi to approve the July 18, 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed with unanimous approval.*

### **Scholarships for 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendees**

Kevin Windham recommended to the members to award a scholarship for travel for 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees and asked for their recommendation of type of award.

After discussion the members recommended to sponsoring three nights stay in the main building with a limit of \$3000 per year.

*Motion made by Bonnie McFarland, second by Robert Stratton to sponsor three nights stay in the main building for 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees. Motion passed with unanimous approval.*

### **State Farm PIP Case**

Linda King brought to the members attention that bus drivers and students are eligible to use their PIP for any injuries related to school busses because they are not rated as commercial vehicles.

State Farm filed a claim for their PIP cost to subrogate against Palm Beach County School District. The Courts awarded this claim to State Farm.

Linda King asked the members to get with their School District Attorney's on recommendations for wording or suggestions on what to present to Legislation to change the law to protect the school districts from future subrogation.

### **Winter Conference**

Kevin Windham informed the members the dates of the Winter Conference are 12/02/14 – 12/05/14 and encouraged all to attend.

### **Good of the Order**

John Radcliffe suggested awarding Ted Bennett with a Lifetime Member Award.

*Motion made by John Radcliffe, second by Bonnie McFarland to award Ted Bennett the Lifetime Member Award. Motion passed with unanimous approval.*

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned on July 18, 2014 at approximately 11:41 a.m. by Kevin Windham.

Submitted by Kevin Windham, President  
September 02, 2014