

Region Six Fall Board Meeting, Teleconference Call

Monday, August 19, 2013

10:03—11:48 a.m.

Compiled and submitted by Lisa Cole, Region Six Secretary

Members on the call: John Miller, Clark Hancock, Lisa Cole, Andrea Johnson, Jamie Hubert, Tara Humphreys, Pat Silovsky, Rusty Scarborough, Dakota Russell, Karina Minor, and Michelle Soenksen (had to leave the call early)

Absent: Katie Raney, Laura Motley, Don Simons, Kelly Farrell, and Heather Runyan

The meeting was called to order by John Miller at 10:03 a.m.

Lisa Cole moved to accept the minutes from the Region Six Spring Board Meeting. Clark Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director's Report - John Miller

The state of Region Six is strong and active.

Leadership Positions

With the exception of the Membership Chair, all elected and appointed positions are filled. Currently two members have expressed an interest in the Membership Chair and the goal is to have that position filled by the end of September. Region Six continues to encourage and mentor members to become future leaders.

Member Services

Plans are well underway for the 2014 Spring Region Six Workshop in Guthrie, OK. There is an active committee being led by Amy Stephens (OK City Zoo).

Membership in Region Six is still one of the highest of the NAI Regions. We have 716 members right now in Region Six. John reminded us that NAI Members can be affiliated with ANY Region as well as ANY Section, so the numbers do not indicate people who are solely Region Six members.

The newsletter and web site for the region are going well and contain excellent content.

Thanks to both the excellent work of our Scholarship Chair, Heather Runyan, and our generous members the Region will once again be able to offer several student scholarships.

Finances

Region Six has a healthy financial base. Thanks to the Region Six Treasurer, Andrea Johnson, we are not only working with a sound 2013 budget, but we have already provided a comparable 2014 budget (which will be provided to the National Office in September).

Strategic Planning

With the new NAI Bylaws there will be some changes, albeit minor, to the way we will be doing business. For the most part, this will consist of a new set of "bench marks" for each "Unit." The exact bench marks will be determined by the National Board of Directors. Rest assured the proposed bench marks are currently being met (or in many cases, exceeded) by this region. Once the strategic planning process is streamlined, units like

Region Six will begin to update their strategic plans. For the moment, we are in the South Central Unit, and there are no longer Regions per se.

Clark suggested that as we consider what to call ourselves, we should consider what it is that holds us together, and identify our unit in that way. Dakota reminded us that he needs some idea what our name might be as soon as possible so he can think about grabbing a domain for the web site, etc.

The Sections and Regions are all now Units, and will all have equal footing. Each unit will need to apply to NAI for recognition. Chapters can now become Units as well, but will not be required to.

Dakota asked about the process for admitting new states to our unit, if that situation arises. John said that is something that needs to be worked out in the coming months.

Elections

John is running for a third term as Director of Region Six. There will be more news about the structure of future elections coming soon. NAI is now looking at some offices having a three-year term, rather than two-years. Elections are expensive to run, and this would save money. We will have to think about how to structure our elections so we still have alternating elections, and not all our Board members changing out at once. Also: our Board can nominate members for the National Board now, but the deadline is short. Please contact John if you would like to nominate or be nominated.

National Board of Directors

John provided a brief update on the National Board of Directors meeting which took place August 14-16 in Fort Collins, CO. With the new bylaws some aspects of our business model will be taking effect quickly, while other items will be phased in. More details will be provided soon. John said the National Board is working well together and is entering into some strategic planning which is good to see.

Deputy Director's Report - Clark Hancock

Clark has put together a proposal for the Region Six exhibit that was discussed at the Spring Business Meeting. See the pdf file associated with these minutes.

Clark reports that Amy Stephens and her committee are moving forward on the 2014 workshop in Oklahoma and it is looking quite nice.

John expressed gratitude to Clark for being the contact on workshops from one year to the next and providing good continuity.

Secretary's Report – Lisa Cole

Thanks for submitting your reports! I don't have anything to add to the agenda at this time, but will get all your comments recorded and return a complete document to all of you for review shortly after this meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Andrea Johnson

Current Total Equity = \$27,852.04

Our Year-to-Date Profit = \$3,190.26

- \$883.24 of the profit goes to scholarships from the auction and fundraising. (What we raised over what we paid for this year's scholarships). The total for the scholarship fundraising was \$4,297.
- That makes the profit from the workshop about \$2,300.

We gave \$529 in refunds to workshop attendees. We gave 50% refunds for those who requested them. Six refunds were for weather. One was for an illness. One was for a presenter who did not understand he had to attend the workshop.

Thank you to the workshop committee for keeping the workshop on budget! The workshop profit was just about right. Donations from KDWPT, City of Manhattan and Westar Energy helped a lot.

Andrea will be checking in soon with OK Workshop committee regarding the budget for 2014 workshop.

Elections Chair Report- John, for Kelly Farrell

Elections are currently on 'hold' due to the voting on the bylaws. Because there are potential changes to structure, terms, and timing of the elected officers on the National and Regional level, no elections can take place until after the bylaws have been decided. Kelly has been in contact with the National Elections Chair (Bob Hinkle) to be in a position to get things rolling depending on how the vote goes. We do have candidates running in all open positions.

Kelly has found someone interested in taking her position as Elections Chair, watch for more information on this later.

Our Director and Treasurer Board positions will be up for election this year. Both John and Andrea are running again and there may be other candidates.

Membership Chair—vacant, discussion led by John

John does have someone interested in serving as the Membership Chair, and should know soon whether that person has accepted. John suggested that this chair might be best managed with two people working together.

Clark suggested a new member service in which new members or new interpreters are assigned a mentor from the same state. John suggested state coordinators could recruit a list of mentors throughout the state and identify good matches based on experience/location/needs, etc. The Membership Chair could manage this program.

The IMIS software which runs the membership database has been up and running for about a year now. Members can now manage their own information on the NAI web site. If you've not done so, you can set up your account on the web site and log in to check your info. Region leaders (director, deputy director, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editors, etc.) have access to additional information (# of members in the region, etc.).

Newsletter Report – Katie Raney & Jamie Hubert

Newsletter creation and distribution is chugging along. We usually receive plenty of articles for each issue, and we encourage state coordinators to reach out to their members and encourage folks who have not written for *Visions* before to submit something. As always, we like pictures and invite coordinators to submit lots of photos to accompany articles and state reports. With the fall issue, we'll also be sending out a short survey to readers to get some feedback about content and format of the newsletter. Finally, don't forget to submit your state reports for the fall issue by Friday, August 30. Katie has a new job, so her old email address is no longer accurate. Please use katie.raney@gmail.com for your submissions, and update your address books.

Clark and Dakota discussed the ins and outs of posting the newsletter on the web site. Currently, newsletters are posted with a delay, to preserve the member benefit of getting the newsletter first and in timely fashion. It

is possible to send members a link to our web site instead of actually sending out the newsletter file. The newsletter could be in a members-only area for members to log in and see. Dakota, Jamie, and Katie will discuss and decide what is the best method going forward.

Scholarship Chair Report - Heather Runyan

Work has begun on the 2014 Freeman Tilden Scholarships. The application has been updated and sent to the webmaster. A short piece on the scholarships has also gone to the newsletter editors. The application, along with a flyer and a letter explaining the scholarship will be sent to professors in the Region Six area in early September. If anyone knows of a professor who needs to be added to our list, please send their name and email address to heather.runyan@arkansas.gov.

Awards Chair Report - John, for Laura Motley

Awards this year will have the same deadline as last year, November 15. Anyone can nominate a person for an award. But the nominees do need to be members to receive the award. We will present some awards at the Business Lunch during the 2014 Region Six Workshop, and the rest at the Awards Banquet at the end of the workshop. There are some new awards this year, to match up with the national awards:

- Outstanding Senior/Retired Interpreter Award--Presented to a lifetime interpreter who is no longer working full-time in the profession (may be working part-time or as a volunteer) and who has dedicated his/her lifetime career to interpretation as a front-line interpreter, interpretive management/administrator or both.
- Outstanding product or service by NAI Region, Section, or Chapter Award--Presented to a unit of NAI for an outstanding or beneficial project, product or program (Workshops are excluded from nomination).
- Excellence in an Interpretive Support Award --Presented to an individual member or non-member, governing body or official, administrator, business, agency or organization who has shown recognition of the value of interpretation through exceptional and sustained support. This support may be broad-based financial, administrative, or executive (or a combination of these), and serves as a respected model for other interpretive venues and contributors. Recognition may be for (but is not limited to) sponsorship or support for interpretive programs and enhancement of interpretive facilities.
- Community Interpretive Service Award --Recognizes member or non-member businesses, individuals, or civic groups whose major focus is not interpretation but who have worked in their region or community to demonstrate financial or program support for local organizations or agencies with interpretive projects or facilities.
- Outstanding Children's Book Award--An interpretive publication designed for children ages 0-7 years in a picture or storybook format pertaining directly to a natural or cultural resource or interpretive facility. Books published in 2011, 2012 and 2013 are eligible. Electronic books are eligible in this category. You do not have to send seven copies of the book, just include some pages, which gives us an idea of the content. For example make a copy of the cover, table of contents, and a few pages within the book to give the committee an idea of the book and its contents/pages.
- Outstanding Book Award--An interpretive publication pertaining directly to a natural or cultural resource or interpretive facility. Books published in the last 10 years are eligible. Electronic books are eligible in this category. You do not have to send seven copies of the book, just include some pages, which gives us an idea of the content. For example make a copy of the cover, table of contents, and a few pages within the book to give the committee an idea of the book and its contents/pages.

Lisa & Tara noted that we may have a hard time getting nominees in all these new categories. We already had quite a few categories with no nominations last year. Tara suggested that we try this for a year, but then

reassess the award categories as a group next year to see if we are going to keep all the new categories on an ongoing basis.

Region Web Master Report - Dakota Russell

The website (<http://nairegion6.wordpress.com>) is running well. I did a big update this week, and added 2014 scholarship and 2013 awards information, as well as some details on the upcoming 2014 workshop. I'll keep adding more stuff (and restoring more of the stuff that was on the old website) in the coming months. The Region Six Facebook page now has 199 followers, and is a great way to get information out to the membership quickly. Just let me know when you have news that needs to be shared.

Paul Fisher at Baylor University is continuing with the newsletter archive scanning project. I am looking to get more old newsletters posted on the web site soon, but they are large files and I'm trying to find a way to reduce the file size without losing quality. I am also rebuilding our more recent web site newsletter archive.

State Reports

Texas Report - Tara Humphreys

As of this writing, I haven't received any news from anyone outside of TPWD, so this is very heavy on TX State Parks news.

Arts in the Parks:

The newest initiative for Texas State Parks has kicked off – Arts in the Parks. Parks all over the state are offering programs to help visitors connect to state parks, natural areas and historic sites through creativity and connection to the site. Additionally, we've partnered with "Get to Know," and are offering a chance for youth ages 19 and under to submit their works of art for a chance to receive prizes in addition to their time spent outside. <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/programs/arts-in-parks/>

100th Anniversary of Old Tunnel:

August 17th marks the 100th anniversary of Old Tunnel. Old Tunnel State Park will host a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first train's steaming through the only tunnel on the San Antonio Fredericksburg & Northern Railroad's 24-mile rail line on Saturday, Aug. 17. Approximately 20,000 people visit the state park each year, primarily to view the bats emerging from the abandoned rail tunnel in their nightly search for insects. The tunnel is home to approximately 3,000 cave myotis bats and up to 3 million Mexican free-tailed bats from May through October.

First Ever Citizens Park Ranger Academy:

An eight-week course beginning on August 17th will help citizens understand the State Parks' mission and goals while allowing them the opportunity to experience realistic situations and scenarios in state park operations. This free course, held each Saturday for two to three hours, is open to 35 people who must be at least 15 years old. This opportunity will be offered at Dinosaur Valley State Park under the direction and leadership of park police officer Robert Enckhausen.

Retirement of Karen Watson:

Karen Watson, Regional Interpretive Specialist for Texas State Parks, will be retiring at the end of August. She's been a long-time member of NAI Region Six, and has attended many regional workshops. We will miss her greatly in TX State Parks, but she said she will remain active in NAI Region Six. I will send out information soon for a card shower for Karen.

Tara.Humphreys@tpwd.texas.gov is my new email address.

Arkansas Report – John, for Don Simons

Robin Gabe is the new **Field Interpreter for Arkansas State Parks**. Robin's dedication to our department, exemplary professionalism, interpretive experience, and earned credentials--along with her kind, patient, and positive attitude--make her an excellent fit for this position.



A native Arkansan, Robin began her ADPT career in 2001 as a seasonal interpreter at Lake Poinsett State Park. There, she discovered her love for park interpretation and soon moved to a full-time job at Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park where she has been for 12 years, most recently as the supervisory Park Interpreter II. Robin is a leader on the successful Toltec team which has numerous accomplishments and deserved accolades.

Prior to her Parks career, Robin was a classroom science teacher for four years. She holds a bachelor's degree in education with a middle school science endorsement from Arkansas State University. She is an active member of NAI and is a Certified Heritage Interpreter (CHI) and Trainer (CIT). In 2011, she was honored with the Region Six Distinguished Professional Interpreter Award. Robin serves on the department's Interpretation Trainer Team and Interpretation Advisory Council, and is also a certified emergency responder. Family is a top priority for Robin and when she is not at work, you can usually find her with her family outdoors-- hunting, fishing, or playing golf or baseball.

Shelley Flanary, Interpreter at **Cossatot River State Park and Natural Area**, was selected as the 2013 Arkansas Project Learning Tree Outstanding Educator. She will be honored on October 3rd in Little Rock. She will be Arkansas's nominee for the 2014 PLT National Outstanding Educator Award during the International PLT Coordinator's Conference in Traverse City, Michigan.

Arkansas State Park interpreters and supervisors will gather at **Mount Magazine State Park** for a three day interpretation workshop beginning August 20. It will feature our first Interpreter's Resource Challenge (IRC), a version of Region Six's All-American Naturalists' Quiz. It will be hosted by Don Simons.

Louisiana Report – Rusty Scarborough

Blue Bonnet Swamp Nature Center, via Clair Coco, Baton Rouge, LA:

Renovations to our new education center are well underway as we bring our summer day camp season to a close. Nearly 250 children ages 5 to 15 years participated in day camp sessions, including our new Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program. Our goal for our CITs was to expose them to life as a counselor, provide them with intensive leadership training, and give them an opportunity to put their training to practice throughout the summer. It was a great success! Our first batch of CITs will have the opportunity to continue their training next year with further lessons in plant & animal identification and First Aid. In addition to providing program continuity in regard to teen patrons, it is our hope that this program will benefit us with a larger pool of quality camp and part time staff in the future.

Hodges Gardens State Park, via Lori Hopkins, Florien, LA:

Hodges Gardens has hosted quite a few events over the summer. We have had "Sunset Barge Tours," "Painting in the Park," geocaching, outdoor movies, and garden tours. Every weekend of the summer, there has been something fun to do. There have been visits from Boy Scouts, school groups, and other organizations as well. They have spent the day painting, geocaching, and hiking. One group's recent visit was part of the

state's Junior Park Ranger Program. Of course, April-June was busy with school field trips! The students were all amazed with the waterfalls in the main garden! Geocaching was one of the popular events that the schools enjoyed. Not only were they getting to explore the gardens, but they also learned to use a GPS device while identifying many different types of trees.

The outdoor movies have been a hit too. Guests gather on the hillside of the Hodges Lake and enjoy the latest releases. Our Friends Group provides concessions as well as the outdoor equipment used to show the movies. With the stars above and the cool breeze off the lake, the movies have been quite enjoyable. The best way to find out about our movies (times/dates) is to follow us on Facebook for the most current updates. The weather does play a major role in whether or not the movie will be shown on the scheduled date.

Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, via Amy Ouchley, Farmerville, LA:

My husband Kelby's new book [American Alligator, Ancient Predator in a Modern World](#), is due out in September from the University Press of Florida. The wonderful alligator pictures are from local photographer Burg Ransom and were taken at Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

The Friends of Black Bayou will have a fall festival on October 19. This will include free fried catfish, the release of baby alligator snapping turtles, and other activities.

I have had a wonderful six months since the publication of [Swamper: Letters From a Louisiana Swamp Rabbit](#), sharing it with all ages of folks. According to Allen Dunn, the president of Friends of Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge or FOBB, now kids ask about Swamper when they visit the refuge, "Has Swamper been around?" There have been many exciting developments. When I went to read stories to the day camps at the refuge in June, the kids were excited because they had seen Swamper eating in the field behind the Conservation Learning Center. I am hoping that if kids care about Swamper that they will also care about his habitat, the bottomland hardwood forest. Educators have also embraced the book. Lisa Bennett Smith, a fifth grade teacher in Alexandria, LA and member of Louisiana Environmental Education Association, is using the book in her life science classes. I had a wonderful day visiting Lisa and her students last spring. Another naturalist and educator, Diane Wetherbee at Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Center in Texas, used Swamper in her day camp activities. She writes, "Along with letters 1 and 3, I also read 8 (the older kids had a birding day on Tuesday), 5, and 12, in that order. We referred often to the Swamper letters while we were hiking through our bottomland hardwood forests. It was great to have something the kids could connect to while teaching them about the area...interpretation at its best." I donated ten (10) books to Diane's educator toolboxes, which she is putting together as part of a project for the National Park Service and the Gulf of Mexico Alliance. The toolboxes will be loaned free of charge to formal and informal educators throughout the five states that border the Gulf of Mexico, to be used in their environmental education efforts. I will let everyone know when the tool boxes are available for loan. This was a good collaboration between Louisiana environmental educators and Texas environmental educators. This fall Lisa Cole, Education Coordinator of Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Center and another member of NAI, will be using the book in four homeschooler sessions. She writes in her flyer, "Your child can get a rabbit's-eye view of wetland food chains, life cycles, birds, habitats and more. Each class will include story time, a nature walk, and hands-on activities." I am available for site visits to read the book or tell stories with my rabbit and fox puppets and Silk's spider web. I also conduct workshops utilizing the book. Just email me at: biouchley@yahoo.com.

Collaborator and friend Gay Brantley, who drew the biologically accurate pictures of Swamper, is spending the summer with her husband James as volunteer campground host at Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The visitor center for the refuge is at Milepost 1229 on the Alaskan Highway. She is surrounded by snowcapped mountains, glacier-fed rivers, forests, tundra, plus an abundance of wetlands, which make the

area a haven for wildlife especially migratory birds. This experience will surely enrich her environmental education and interpretive skills.

Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park, Rusty Scarborough, Shreveport, LA:

We just wrapped up a very busy summer with 11 weeks of Earth Camp here on site. The staff also provided 32 outreach programs to the Shreve Memorial Library Branches, all in addition to the regular number of programs here on-site with summer care and summer camp visits. Things have gone pretty smoothly. A Louisiana Master Naturalist--Northwest Chapter is under formation with help from several of our staff along with Red River NWR, who is hosting our meetings. The organization is moving along with good promise. A number of local naturalists, educators and retirees have joined the efforts.

I am trying to gather interested parties in serving on the committee for the 2015 Region Six Workshop in Louisiana. I would like to hear from anybody interested in serving on the committee. There is a lot to do and get involved in so we can put on a quality conference.

Rusty asked whether there is a binder with guiding information for workshop committees. Clark said there was a binder, but it has gone missing and he has not been able to locate it. Clark will send the Workshop Planning Guide put together by Arkansas committee in 2005 to all state coordinators so each state has it. Rusty noted that he is a rookie at workshop planning and is seeking any/all guidance. Pat suggested talking to the CVB in his area; they will help a lot.

Kansas Report - Pat Silovsky

As announced at the Region Six Workshop in February, Westar Energy agreed to give a scholarship for a Kansas interpreter to go to the National Workshop. Pat is putting together an application form and will disseminate it soon. She reminded us of the challenge from West Star to other states' energy companies to do the same. Westar Energy's Green Team leader has contacts in our states and would be willing to lend his support.

Missouri Report –John, for Michelle Soenksen

Rebecca Miller from **Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center** in Blue Springs is happy to announce the birth of Phaidra Elaine Richter. She was born to Naturalist **Lisa Richter** and her husband, John, on May 21, 2013. She weighed 7lbs 5oz at birth and both she and Lisa are doing very well. Phaidra's big brother, Errol, is two and a half years old and is glad to have his new little sister at home.

LuAnn Cadden and **Ted Cable** would like to announce the publication of their new interpretive travel book, Traveling Through Illinois: Stories of I-55 Landmarks & Landscapes between Chicago & St. Louis. The book was published in May 2013 with The History Press. After Driving Across Kansas (Ted's state) and Driving Across Missouri (LuAnn's state) they're now writing about their native state of Illinois. While some travelers got their kicks on Route 66, they hope their book helps you enjoy the drive on I-55 (a flat and heavily agricultural drive.) Some stories may be corny, but the authors have milked the miles for all their worth and so you hope you enjoy the book. Spoiler Alert!-- It ends in Chicago.

The Association of Missouri Interpreters' workshop is in Sept. 11-14 in Branson, MO. This year's theme is, "Take Your Interpretation to New Heights in the Depths of the Ozarks."

Oklahoma Report –Karina Minor

The NAI Region Six Workshop Committee continues to work on planning the 2014 workshop. The conference theme is "From Grass Roots to Bluegrass" and will be held in Guthrie, Oklahoma from February 24-26, 2014.

There's a lot of news at the Oklahoma City Zoo:

- The new Stingray Bay exhibit opened this summer. Stingray Bay is where Zoo guests and members have the amazing opportunity to see stingrays up close and touch these majestic creatures. Guests can interact with the rays as they "fly" and glide through a 16,000 gallon two-foot deep saltwater pool. The exhibit collection of 30 animals includes cownose stingrays, southern stingrays, bonnethead sharks and white-spotted bamboo sharks.
- In coordination with the nationwide celebration of Endangered Species Day on May 17, 2013, the Education Department presented the past, present, and future of endangered plants and animals. To further emphasize Endangered Species Day, the Zoo offered a free screening of the full-length documentary "Where Did the Horny Toads Go?"
- Zoo Personnel participated in a scientific census out in northwestern Oklahoma this spring. They conducted "listening surveys" for Lesser Prairie Chickens. This was done in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

In accordance with the "Healthy Parks, Healthy Living" initiative and the National Park Foundation, Chickasaw National Recreation Area received a grant for the Platt Trail Blazers program. In this program hikers use the Activity Log to keep track of their mileage and time. Logging 100 miles will get you a free water bottle. Log 200 miles and you can receive a pedometer.

The Science Museum Oklahoma (Oklahoma City) just recently secured a \$12 million grant which will enable them to build a 21,000-square-foot new children's museum inside of their existing facility.

Jim Jewell is the security guard at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History (Norman, Oklahoma). His sister (Sally Jewell) was sworn in this April as the United States Secretary of the Interior. Jim travelled to Washington so that he could witness his sister's swearing in ceremony.

Les Pulliam has a new job. He is now the Park Manager at Lake Tenkiller State Park (eastern Oklahoma). Les started his career with the state parks division when he was -- many years ago -- the Park Naturalist at Three Forks Nature Center; Sequoyah State Park; east of Muskogee, OK.

Also from Lake Tenkiller State Park: the recipient of the top honor given by the National Wild Turkey Federation to a "Women in the Outdoors" volunteer is Park Naturalist Leann Bunn! Leann earned the Annie Oakley Award. The first "Women in the Outdoors" event that Leann hosted in 2000 had just eight participants. This past year, her event had over 200 women participating, learning and having fun. A big NAI CONGRATS! goes out to Leann. Job well done!

Kenton Peters from the Myraid Botanical Gardens will now be working at the Yukon Public Schools near Oklahoma City.

Lisa Conard Frost, formerly the Superintendent at Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne, Oklahoma, is now the Superintendent of Fort Smith National Historic Site in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Discussion Items

Region Six Travelling Display:

Clark Hancock has prepared a travelling display proposal which accompanies these minutes (pdf file). John and others thanked Clark for his hard work. Discussion from Lisa and John: we will need to wait until we decide what our Unit is actually called before proceeding with some of the graphic elements. John asked whether it would set us back to much if we wait until December after the National Workshop to gather more information. Clark suggested that if we do that, we should wait to announce the display design competition at the 2014 Region Six workshop. If we had a competition winner selected by August, we could still have the display fabricated in time for the 2014 National Workshop. We can wait to approve the budget/expenses at the 2014 Region Six Workshop. Clark would like to begin assembling the elements for the flip books; those items are not dependant on branding. The Board agrees that this proposal looks like the direction we should go.

John will pursue comments from Shea Lewis (Interpretation By Design) and we are all encouraged to add our input to come up with a better product.

2014 Workshop:

The workshop cost should be posted on the Region Six web site in October so people can begin budgeting to attend. The Workshop Committee is working hard and is pulling all the details together. Thanks to them for all the hard work they're putting in.

Clark reminded us to nudge people to submit session proposals.

New Advisory Council:

New information should be available to us by November. Our operations in Region Six will not change overall, but we may be changing what we call ourselves. We have everything we need to meet the criteria for a unit in good standing.

Clark commented on our region's well-developed heritage and culture and suggested we continue as Region Six.

Fundraising (John):

John suggested we seek fundraising opportunities for workshop expenses, scholarships, etc. in which we don't solicit as much funding from our members. The scholarship auction is great, but we should also look for outside revenue. Fundraising priorities were set up at our last Board meeting: 1) Regional participation; 2) National participation; 3) Certification participation; and 4) International participation.

International Workshop (John):

At the next International Workshop, in South Korea, the hotel and field sessions will be reduced/paid for. Participants should need to buy airfare but much else will be very inexpensive. This may be one of the most affordable international workshops ever, so keep an eye out.

Lisa Cole moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Clark Hancock seconded. The motion carried.