



WWDA Meeting Minutes August 12, 2009

Location: Michigan/Ontario Room, Barker's Island Inn, 300 Marina Dr., Superior, WI 54880

Association members (or representatives) present: Don Sykes, John Kissinger, Francisco Sanchez, Don Rouse, Cheryl Welch, Sally Cutler, Steve Terry, Dane Racette, LeRoy Forslund, Dick Best, Jerry Hanoski, James Ehram, Pat Schramm, Bob Borremans, Scott Stocker

Also present: Gary Denis, Department of Workforce Development; Mark Kessenich, Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board; Dick Nystrom, Northwest CEP, Inc.; Mari Kay-Nabonzy, WWDA/WAJTE Workforce Systems Advocate; Michelle St. Clair, WWDA/WAJTE Coordinator

1. Convene

As acting Chair, Dan Racette convened the meeting to order at 1:35.

2. Approval of Minutes

Sanchez motioned to approve minutes of the April 29, 2009 WWDA meeting; Borremans seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of PY2008 Successes/PY2009 Outlook

Kay-Nabonzy presented on the successes of the association over the last year, and the outlook for the next. Successes included the second annual WWDA Day at the Capitol, WWDA legislative newsletters to state representatives, ARRA newsletters, and a number of other activities that have promoted the boards as an association and built a recognition of the association by legislators and key partners.

Kay-Nabonzy commented that WIA reauthorization is likely in the upcoming year, which will be a key activity around which the boards should unite and develop a coherent position.

4. Statewide Grant Application

Sanchez provided an overview of the association's statewide concept for an Energy Training Partnership application to the US Department of Labor in partnership with the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP). WRTP staff would draft the proposal, which would:

- (1) build systems connections between apprenticeship and the workforce development system through "Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship - eg Industry Coordinators," who would provide outreach and inreach to Job Center partners and clients in order to better connect low-skilled and under represented populations to career pathways in the skilled trades, AND
- (2) Connect jobseekers and dislocated workers to demand-driven green job training to prepare the workforce in weatherization, utility, or green manufacturing occupations.

LeRoy motioned for members to officially endorse the proposed partnership to build connections and provide demand-driven, green job training; Welch seconded. All WWDA members who were present supported the measure.

5. WIA Reauthorization

Welch reported on WIA Reauthorization, which is expected to occur in the beginning of 2010. Key issues will deal with regionalism and the relationship between state and local workforce

development boards. The relationship between the local boards and elected leaders through the position of the chief local elected officials needs to be addressed in discussions. Best commented that the community college initiative does not challenge the workforce development system.

WWDA members, particularly WAJTE Directors, should provide Welch with their legislative priorities for WIA reauthorization by Wednesday.

6. Updates to WWDA Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation

Action was sought from WWDA members to update the association's bylaws and articles of incorporation to reflect current contact information. St. Clair recommended that WWDA amend its articles of incorporation and bylaws to provide current and correct contact information.

Borremans motioned to accept the updates, Stocker seconded and WWDA members who were present agreed to the changes.

7. WWDA Elections

Nominations were called for officers of the association for PY2009. Nominations were made for each official position in the following order: Dan Racette as Chair, Don Madelung as Vice Chair, Charmaine Prewitt as Secretary, and Dick Best as Treasurer. Borremans motioned to approve the officers as nominated; Welch seconded and WWDA members agreed unanimously.

8. Approval of 2009-10 Budget

St. Clair provided WWDA members with a budget for PY2009-10. WWDA members reviewed the budget; Sanchez motioned to accept the budget as submitted. Schramm seconded and WWDA members agreed unanimously.

9. Other Business

Racette relayed to members that St. Clair would be moving to another position with a different organization. None submitted.

10. Set Next Meetings

Next meeting dates for WWDA from 1:00p to 3:00 on 11-4-09, 2-3-10, and 5-5-10 confirmed

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00p.

Submitted by Michelle St. Clair, Coordinator