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SEFA Conference Call March 13, 2014

1:35pm Suzanne took roll.

Attendees: Council members present on the call: Pete Decicco, Nick LaMorte, Furn Lorento, Cornelia Meade, Tom Wickerham, Caroline Westbrook, and Scott Ray

Coordinators: Barbara Bates, Ken Holmes, Joseph Guastella/Lauralee Dever, Craig Collie, Deb Tederous, Kathy Snow, Tobi Darrah, Millie Lucas, Sheila O'Connor, Marilyn Wilson, Rodney Young, Tom Connor, Adeline Arvidson

Council members absent from the call: Cherice Granger, Matthew Ecker

Staff: Suzanne Maloney

Six council members on the call = quorum.

1. Approval of Minutes

Correction - Pete DeCicco is listed as attending, but he was not on the call

Motion Tom Wickerham, Second Furn Lorento

Minutes accepted as corrected.

2. Recertification Policy – Tom Wickerham

Tom had distributed a draft resolution to the Council. He read it aloud to those on the call. The resolution was written to clarify the annual process of recertification for all charities. It is a 2-year process - charities recertifying in the spring and not approved will still participate in the coming fall campaign, and will only be removed by the following spring (March 31) if they don't provide missing information and justification in the meantime.

Question - what about agencies who are recertifying under the (mistaken) assumption that they were included in the last campaign? Suzanne says she hasn't seen this happen.

2014:

With the longer period of lead time for recertification, there will be ample time for federations and/or FCCM's to work with the charity to be sure their materials are correct and complete.

Question about how the FCCM's or federations will get copies of any attachments that the charity submits with their application or recertification. Same as they do now (Suzanne cuts and pastes the info into a shared spreadsheet). This proposed policy doesn't change this process).

Question - is there anything in the SEFA regulations to suggest how we should approve this? This was discussed, and it was noted that the current recertification process is

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due to end in May, and since this policy would change that, we should act on it right away. Nick called for a motion - Moved by Furn Lorento to accept the policy as presented and corrected (some typos were noted). Seconded by Scott Ray. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council members present.

5. Recertification 2014 Update – Suzanne Maloney
Recertification process will be updated weekly on shared spreadsheet. Shared via DropBox.
6. SEFA Council Timeline - Suzanne sent a document outlining annual calendar of SEFA events and dates.
7. Proposed Council Calendar - It was suggested to change the May 23 meeting to Thurs May 29.
8. Motion to adjourn - Tom Wickerham
9. Adjourned at 2:26 pm