

## Nebraska Education and Certification Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Virtual- Webex

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. (CT) by Cyndy Hermsen

Present: Jeff Hackerott, Rose Nelson, Dotty Bartels, Jackie Russell, Cyndy Hermsen, Chelsey Fessler, Sarah Scott and Ruth Sorensen.

### Proceedings:

Announcement of the open meetings act were made available in the room.

No members of the public attended.

The draft minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting were emailed on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for review. Jackie Russell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Dotty Bartels seconded. Motion carried.

The document titled Ideas to Consider for 2021 from Counties, emailed initially on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and an email submitted by Dave Sullivan, current Association President where brought up for discussion.

Jeff Hackerott presented an education idea that focused on convenience stores taught by an instructor outside of PAD (#13). Further discussion was had to expand the training from just convenience stores to other occupancy codes to lengthen the class time.

Rose Nelson mentioned that items 2,3,4,5 could be combined into one training workshop. Her district expressed interest in an outside educator teaching by district so the education is more tailored to issues within a region. Jackie Russell recommended consulting with Team Consulting (Marion Johnson, Scott Johnson) or a similar organization. Adams County brought them in to teach inspection practices to her appraisal team. To help save on cost, she opened the class up to the Central District.

Interest was shown in the IAAO courses 102 and 112, both are courses on the Income Approach to Value.

Ruth forwarded the board a copy of the email from Dave Sullivan for review. Dotty Bartels had spoken with Dave prior, stating he was interested in expanding content of qualified education to include human resources, office management and spreadsheet instruction. Ruth discussed that the continuing education courses were limited to the provisions outlined in REG-71. As for the spreadsheet classes, Excel is licensed under Microsoft and only Microsoft approved instructors can teach courses utilizing Excel. Cyndy Hermsen recommended reaching out to fellow assessors that are Excel savvy to share their tips. There are also Excel courses available online such as Excel Maven.

Although they may not qualify for continuing education, there are several resources available in addition to the sites listed online including NACO's Institute of Excellence, Lydia.com, or linkedinlearning.com.

Other items of discussion:

It was asked if the manufacturing class being held in 2020, would also be held in 2021 for people that wished to attend the class live. Cyndy stated that the class would not be live, however, the instructor is confident that a virtual class will be as interactive and engaging as the in-person class would have been.

A question was asked if the price of the virtual classes would remain the same as the in-person class since it would eliminate the travel expenses and facility expenses. Sarah Scott stated that PAD contracts a set price with IAAO and saw no room for negotiation with the prices.

Dotty asked when the next 101 course would be held. Both IAAO 101 and IAAO 300 courses are normally held the two follow years after an election IAAO 101 was held in 2019. IAAO 300 will be held in 2021 having been postponed due to COVID 19. Cyndy mentioned they were both available online at IAAO.org.

Rose brought up the issue of the exam when taking a class online. Sarah mentioned that you may need to have a webcam so you can be proctored during your exam but she believes you are given a three day window to take the exam after the course.

Cyndy mentioned that IAAO was adding classes to their virtual library every year and that virtual learning was the future.

Rose Nelson made a motion to adjourn, Dotty Bartels seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.