

REM Leadership Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2010
Sheraton Gateway Hotel

Members Present:

Harry Simmons
Marla Coulter-McDonald
Yoke-Lye Lim
Vicki Johnson
Bridget Piggue
Brenda Wallace
Rhonda Daniels
Gale Kennebrew

Purpose: Prepare the REM members to discuss the concerns to be presented in the ACPE Board for an on-going dialogue about the existence of REM. The REM's dialogue was to discuss Motion #38, Spring 2010 ACPE Board Minutes:

- The motion was made by Harry Simmons and seconded by Tim Thorstenson to:
- 1) Invite an on-going dialogue in a format determined by REM,
 - 2) Accept REM's invitation to hold a celebration together in Washington, DC in 2012, and
 - 3) Propose to REM that beginning in 2013 we hold one national conference per year hosted by REM in alternate years

Meeting was called to order at 7:44am by Harry Simmons. Harry Simmons distributed an agenda and meeting minutes from the previous conference calls. Simmons reviewed the proposed agenda (See Attached) and described the parameters for the Board and REM meeting. In the Board meeting REM members would be given one hour and fifteen minutes to begin the dialogue. In addition, during the remaining fifteen minutes two presentations would follow regarding the Resolution for New Zealand and the ACPE Proposal for Hong Kong. It was also acknowledged that REM members could remain for the entire Board meeting if they chose to do so.

REM members present reviewed the concerns highlighted from the previous REM meetings and conference calls. The dialogue ensued to request some clarity around the motion #38. REM's Leadership requested clarity around what was the need for alternating years and what exactly hosting meant. The Leaders present wanted to understand the rationale for moving REM to alternating years. Upon further review of the concerns members created a strategy for entering the dialogue with the ACPE Board. It was agreed that two main concerns would be raised with the Board for dialogue. First, we would request clarity around the motion and we would communicate REM's concerns clearly. Secondly, REM's Leadership wanted to communicate clearly the concerns expressed by REM's members.

The meeting adjourned and the Leadership exited to meet with the ACPE Board.

**REM Leadership Processing
Post ACPE Board Meeting
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REM's Leadership debriefed following their meeting with the ACPE Board. Several CPE Supervisors shared their concerns of being referred to as children in the metaphor used in the meeting. They also shared their concerns that some of the persons who spoke about their personal opinions as if it were from the REM Leadership. There was much discussion about language and how language is used. There was also some discussion about the pain of the CPE process that many African Americans continue to feel in discriminatory fashion.

It was also made abundantly clear that the Board does not have any authority to force REM to meet in alternative years. REM's Leadership felt very positive about the dialogue that has started with the ACPE Board. The dialogue must continue and processes need to be established to continue the on-going dialogue and engagement with the wider ACPE body and Board.

There was also some discussion about the image and power dynamics of REM's Leadership meeting with the ACPE Board and how those dynamics appeared. In addition, the image of the ACPE Board's buffet breakfast bar and the REM Leadership's understanding that their breakfast was on your own.

The processing meeting adjourned on a favorable note and the Leadership acknowledged the historic moment that occurred in the dialogue and engagement with the Board.