Directors Present: Tom Bartels, Chet Ekstrand, George Goolsby, Phil Gregory, Jay Holloway, David Lee, Richard Newman, Tim Orr, Ruth Overton, Jerry Thornsberry, Gene Volk, Carroll Wolfe,
Directors Absent: None
Ex-Officio Board Members: Steve Humphrey (Executive Director).

Members Present: Martin Rosen, Robert Gary, Mike Dempsey, Terry Hall

Phil Gregory, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 PM EDT. He welcomed everyone to the meeting with roll call for the directors. Four guests were present.

Motion: That the minutes for the August 2015 Board of Directors meeting be approved as written.
Motion made by: Jay Holloway. Seconded by: Ruth Overton.
Nay: None
Motion: Passed.

Motion: That a special committee be appointed, headed by David Lee, to work with the Convention Committee to review the public day policy. Recommendations to be made at the November 2015 Board of Directors Meeting.
Motion made by: Gene Volk. Seconded by: Tim Orr.
Nay: None
Absent: Gregory
Motion: Passed.

Motion: That Gene Volk be appointed Convention Committee Chairman for the duration of the current term of 2015 – 2017.
Motion made by: Tom Bartels. Seconded by: David Lee.
Nay: None
Motion: Passed.

Items for Discussion:

Phil Gregory opened discussion on the 2017 budget with Gene Volk requesting the budget be presented to the Board with line item detail. An additional question on adjustments to the 2016 budget were raised but put off. All items will be responded to and discussed at the November meeting.

Tim Orr noted that he would like to have more training to understand the budget. David Lee said he was working on a program that will list out items for improved understanding for non-accounting types. was to the summary sheet sent monthly for THE FOR ALL TIME campaign not the budget. This has been accomplished with the help of Tim, Tom, Gene, George and staff. The next one will show current month and 8 prior quarter ends in a revised spreadsheet format with better descriptions.

A discussion was begun on re-reimbursing the directors who attend Regional meetings as the National Rep. Several members provided opinions on why no money was put in the 2016 when it is a requirement from the policy manual.

Steve Humphrey noted they plan on adding Auto-Pay for member renewal in October. They are waiting for another organization to finish their launch to make sure they are pleased with how it works before signing agreement. The funding will come from the IT budget. The Auto-Pay will be for one-year membership renewal.

Tim Orr noted an article on auto-pay that Steve had sent out and how other organizations have used this to grow membership.

The question was asked if members would be able to listen in on the November Board of Directors meeting? Steve Humphrey said he would check into options but we are limited on the number of phone lines we have available.

Chet noted he needed those who are supporting the work on the vision plan to have their data in his hands soon so he may circulate the plan to the Board for their review before the meeting.

The floor was opened to other items. Nothing was presented. The Board Meeting ended by agreement and the visitors were asked for any questions or comments from those present. Each person responded with no questions or comments.

NOTE: The official minutes of the October 2015 meeting will be presented by the Secretary to the Board for approval at the November 2015 meeting. Approved minutes will be released to the membership via electronic means and will be published in the next available MART.