

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

*August 16, 2012*

*Teleconference*

### **Welcome and Roll Call:**

President Russ Brubaker called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

### **Committee Members Present:**

President Russ Brubaker, Diane Hardt, Mike Eschelbach, Dwight Cook, Jerry Johnson, and Deb Peters; and Wayne Harper

### **Lobbyist Contracts:**

President Brubaker explained that it was time to discuss the extension of the lobbyist contracts. President Brubaker reminded the committee that the contracts were on a month-to-month basis and were being approved for two month periods. Senator Dwight Cook moved that the committee extend the lobbyist contracts for an additional two months. That motion was approved unanimously on roll call vote.

### **September Governing Board Meeting:**

Representative Wayne Harper said he was working to have more Legislators involved from member states and non-member states. He said a letter was sent to the presiding officers for each chamber for each member state encouraging them to someone attend. In addition said the Governing Board should take an extraordinary action and offer to cover the travel expenses for legislators from non-member states. He suggested up to \$1,000.00 in travel expense. President Brubaker said it would does great service to get these legislators here from these states. Representative Harper said he is planning an orientation session for new legislators on the Wednesday morning before the Wednesday afternoon session. President Brubaker suggested including a discussion on best practices. In response to a question from Senator Cook President Brubaker said the Governing Board has \$25,000.00 in its reserve. Senator Cook moved that the Governing Board reimburse the travel expenses, up to \$1,000.00, for one legislator from non-member states. That motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Scott Peterson reported that SSTGB has all meeting contract in place at the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis on May 14-16, 2012.

President Brubaker adjourned the meeting at 3:14 PM.