



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Hilton Hotel
Austin, TX
August 27, 2007**

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – President Bob Augenstern (NY) convened the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Development District Association of Appalachia at 8:15 AM (Central Time) at the Hilton Hotel, Austin, Texas. He welcomed the Board Members and noted that, due to time constraints, the approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2007 summer meeting would be held until the winter meeting in January, 2008.
2. **Roll Call** – The secretary Sharon Gardner (MS) recorded the following persons to be present:

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President	NY	Robert Augenstern	607 724-1327	raugen@steny.org	X
1 st VP	AL	Keith Jones	256 389-0500	kjones@nwscc.cc.al.us	X
2 nd VP	GA	Barry Tarter	706 272-2300	ed@ngrdc.org	X
Treasurer	WV	Jim Mylott	304 422-4993	jim.mylott@movrc.org	X
Secretary	MS	Sharon Gardner	662 728-6248	sgardner@nempdd.com	X
Past Pres	OH	Jeff Spencer	740 947-2853	jspencer@ovrdc.org	X
B	AL	Bob Culver	256 716-2444	Bob.Culver@adss.alabama.gov	
O	GA	Danny Lewis	770 538-2626	dlewis@gmrdc.org	X
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R	MD	Leanne Mazer	301 777-2158	lmazer@tccwmd.org	X
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E	TN	Susan Reid	423 929-0224	sreid@ftdd.org	X
R	VA	Andrew Chafin	276 889-1778	andrewchafin@bvunet.net	X
S	WV	Ken Dyche	304 257-2448	kdyche@regioneight.org	X

Guest present was Dan Neff.

The secretary reported a quorum of the Board of Directors to be present.

3. **DDAA Conference Business** – President Augenstern (NY) reminded the Board that there was a need to consider and increase in the registration fee for the Annual DDAA

Conference. Treasurer Jim Mylott (WV) stated that the current spouse registration fee of \$50 does not cover the actual costs for a spouse.

Motion #1 – Jeff Spencer (OH) made a motion to increase the spouse registration fee to \$150. The motion was seconded by Don Rychnowski (NY) and approved unanimously.

The Board of Directors then discussed the regular and early bird conference registration fees.

Motion #2 – Barry Tarter (GA) made a motion to raise the early bird registration from \$250 to \$300 and the regular fee from \$300 to \$350. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spencer (OH) and approved unanimously.

General discussion was that the early bird time frame would remain the same. Dan Neff informed the group that the “Save the Date” notices would go out electronically next week with the conference mailer being ready after Thanksgiving.

1st Vice President Keith Jones (AL) updated the group on the draft agenda titled “The Changing of Appalachia, The Economy, The People. There was group discussion regarding the addition of a Humanitarian Award to the conference agenda.

Motion #3 – Danny Lewis (GA) made a motion to give the Humanitarian Award on an annual basis if there was a suitable candidate. Ken Dyche (WV) seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion #4 – Don Myers (OH) made a motion to honor Bob Evans with the Humanitarian Award at the 2008 conference. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spencer (OH) and approved unanimously.

Motion #5 – Susan Reid (TN) made a motion to honor Dolly Parton with the Humanitarian Award at the 2009 conference. The motion was seconded by Barry Tarter (GA) and approved unanimously.

- 4. Training Committee Report** – Chairman Rychnowski suggested to the Board that some training funds be utilized in a contractual arrangement with possibly NADO or a University to develop (along with the Executive Committee) a series of white papers on issues critical to Appalachia.

Motion #6 – Jim Mylott (WV) made a motion to allocate up to \$17,500 for this purpose. Don Myers (OH) seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

5. **Whisman and Congressional Awards** – President Augenstern (NY) encouraged members to give recommendations for the Whisman Award as well as the Congressional Award. A general discussion followed regarding potential candidates. Both Congressman Henchy and Congressman Space were mentioned.
6. **Winter Meeting** – Sharon Gardner will work with President Augenstern to schedule the Winter Board Meeting in Mississippi.
7. **Adjournment**– Upon motion by Don Meyers (OH) the meeting was adjourned.