



Meeting of the VEMA Board of Directors on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 3:00 pm by telephone conference call. Mark Penn, VEMA President called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm. In attendance were Mark Penn, Michelle Oblinsky, Neal Turner, Carrie Speranza, Marc Barbieri, Benjamin Ruppert (Region 1), John Harkness (Region 2), Jennifer Maul (Region 3), Pokey Harris (Region 4), Steve Davis (Region 4), Creig Moore (Region 5), Robert Foresman (Region 6), Jeff Fletcher (Region 7), Jack King (VDEM), (Federal Government), Brittany Schaal (Colleges and Universities), Scott Hudson, Bo Keeney, (VEMA Executive Director – Ex-Officio), Ben Rupert, Bruce Sterling, Gene Stewart, Gene Wills, and Willy Richardson.

#### **Treasurer Report (Neal Turner)**

- a) Motion Turner/Speranza to approve the VEMA Financial Summary of Accounts as of April 30, 2014 as distributed. Motion Passed unanimously.
- b) Motion Turner/Speranza to approve the VEMA Financial Statement as of April 30, 2014 as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Secretary's Report (Speranza)**

- a) Motion Speranza/Harris to approve the VEMA Board of Directors minutes from the May 13th, 2014 meeting as previously distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

- a) Under Old Business the VEMA Board discussed the VEMA general membership's comments and suggestions to the proposed revisions to the VEMA Constitution and Bylaws. Comments provided by the general membership included updates to the language concerning the membership and marketing committee, updating notification dates to the general membership in the case of a dues change, updating appointing to confirmed by, and updating regional representation with the VDEM regional representatives. Additionally there were some further comments on clarifying language about the purpose of VEMA. The big change was that the suggested board of 27 would be reduced to a more manageable number. It was agreed upon by general consensus to accept a number of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as recommended by the general membership. As such the Constitution and Bylaws committee is to publish a final draft for approval by the VEMA Board of Directors for an official vote before being provided to the general membership.

#### **New Business**

- a) Under new business the board decided to publish the recommended Board Policies and Procedures manual as a working, living document as a guidance document for the VEMA Board of Directors and committee chairman.

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Carrie Speranza, VEMA Secretary**