

## IFDA - New England Chapter Board Meeting: May 2014

Meeting Date, Time: May 1, 2014, noon – 2 pm (approximately)

Meeting Place: Boston Design Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

<u>TOPIC/TIME</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>FOLLOW-UP/ACTION</u>
Meeting begins		Meeting started 12:20 pm
Attendance	Elise Fenster, member, attended to discuss R. MacDonald House support	Karen, Rob, Nicole, Bob, Gary, Rose Ann, Jen, Jane, Vivian, Christine; Nicole, Al, Peter, Dianne: excused
Acceptance of meeting agenda		Accepted
Acceptance of IFDA-NE Board Meeting Minutes	Board Meeting Minutes from April 2014	Accepted

<p><u>Treasurer's Report –</u> <u>Gary Rousseau</u></p> <p>Balance as of 4-30-14: \$18,991.95</p>	<p>April Event – “Shiny is the New Black” – profit from the evening: \$587.35</p> <p>California Closets Food sponsorship donation has not been paid</p> <p>Sponsors who have not paid for 2014:</p> <p>NE Home Audio Concepts Landry and Arcari Poggenpohl for last quarter 2013</p> <p>Membership Premiums -</p> <p>Karen of Tastefully Done did not receive payment for March program – she is having problems receiving her mail</p> <p>Letter received from AG's office; need to pay yearly fee; non-profit certificate (to do business) - \$35</p> <p>Sign up for PO Box for official business; change from Boston Design Center and inform all who need to know – mass.gov, insurance, etc.</p>	<p>Gary to follow-up – send separate notice of costs</p> <p>Gary to continue to follow-up</p> <p>Gary to continue to follow-up with remaining MP Book sponsors who have not paid; official invoices to be sent week of May 5</p> <p>Gary to stop payment on check; new check to be issued</p> <p>Gary to complete</p> <p>Gary and Karen – Gary to sign up for PO Box; Gary to clarify accountant's role in this, as well; will get in touch with the accountant</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Membership</u></p> <p><u>Rob Henry and Vivian Robbins</u></p> <p>Current membership: 117</p>	<p>Rob – Nancy Snyder not yet joined; Beezee from Salem Plumbing to join; Rosie Vaughn to join before May event.</p> <p>As of June 1, expected member rate to drop (for the remainder of the year) to \$225; if join in October (for the remainder of the year) member to pay \$150.</p> <p>Vivian – how to get younger members;</p> <p>Elaine Frederick has come to events as student, but not a member; have her join</p>	<p>Rob to follow-up with Nancy; Jen to follow-up with Rosie.</p> <p>Karen to confirm</p> <p>Will review thoughts on how to do this at the next meeting – Vivian – have board brainstorm</p> <p>Karen to follow-up</p>
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<p><u>Hospitality</u> <u>Dianne Ramponi</u></p>	<p>Details on the Baker event at the next board meeting...</p>	
<p><u>Technology/Communications – Karen, working with Amy</u></p>	<p>Facebook</p> <p>Wolfer’s event included in the National Newsletter; next nat’l newsletter deadline: June 2</p>	<p>Karen currently posting events to Facebook;</p> <p>Karen to write-up Baker event for National newsletter</p>
<p><u>Education and Education Foundation</u> <u>Jane Toland</u></p>	<p>Grant and Scholarship application update</p> <p>School outreach for student chapters; letters completed</p>	<p>Jane will apply for two grants:</p> <p>Writing workshop with Louis Postel</p> <p>Partnerships – September event with DLF</p> <p>Jen to help with contacts</p>
<p><u>Sponsorship</u> <u>Rose Ann Humphrey</u></p>	<p>Sponsor updates:</p> <p>Allstate Glass, John MacDonald and Steven King – possible sponsors</p>	<p>Rose Ann to follow-up</p>

<p><u>Community Relations</u></p> <p><u>Chris Kay</u></p>	<p>Discussion about future of support for Ronald MacDonald House by IFDA; concerns by Gary and Bob about possible support to be continued at Holiday Party.</p> <p>Recent activity at Ron MacD. House in previous 6 weeks with wall repairs, kitchen backsplash, dining room chair reupholstery.</p>	<p>Tabled: Vote to be taken at June meeting; by entire board</p> <p>Vote to be taken at May meeting to decide if will be keeping connection with Ron MacD or if moving to new non-profit, WIHED. Change would not take place until 2015.</p> <p>Karen to send out review of WIHED and its benefits for IFDA connections prior to next board meeting</p>
<p><u>Industry Communication of Events – Bob Grossman</u></p>		<p>Bob has added many updates to the calendar</p>
<p><u>Future Directions</u></p> <p><u>Peter Griffin</u></p>		<p>Peter is pulling together a committee; update in June.</p>
<p>President’s Report</p>	<p>National Meeting</p> <p>Whistle Blower Document</p> <p>Rebates on member dues to be sent when financials are provided to headquarters.</p>	<p>National meeting dates for this year are Sept 17-19 in Philadelphia – same hotel, etc.</p> <p>APPROVED BY BOARD.</p>
<p>Other discussion</p>	<p>Tabled Items</p>	<p>Vote on non-profit choice tabled from this meeting to May meeting. UPDATE: TABLED UNTIL JUNE MEETING.</p> <p>Vote on providing \$1000 for Career Day - request from Carolyn Meek; TABLED UNTIL JUNE MEETING.</p>

Meeting Adjourned		Regular business meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm <b>Next meeting is June 5th at noon.</b>