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Saturday, July 19, 2014 – Grand Hotel, Minot
10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Present: Shirley Dukart, Chair; Barb Grande, Vice Chair; Sharon Lunski, Grand Forks; Ron Volk, Bismarck-Mandan; Mike Swartz, Jamestown; Larry Louser, Minot; Tate Cymbaluk, Williston, Jill Beck, NDAR, Bismarck-Mandan. Ex-Officio: Vicki Roller (State President); Greg Larson (State President-elect and FPC) and Mary Splichal, FPC, Bismarck-Mandan.

Absent: Shelly Zach, Wahpeton-Breckenridge; Ex-Officio: Daryl Braham; Dave Lanpher.

Staff: Nancy R. Willis, State GAD

Presiding: Shirley Dukart, Chair

Dukart called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes from the July 2, 2014 call were approved as presented. M/S/C
2. Review of Board Investment Update was tabled.
3. Willis and Beck presented requests from the North Dakota Republican Senate and House Caucuses to join the Victory Club 2014 with a \$1,000 membership and a request from the Democratic NPL Caucus for a Riverboat Cruise Fundraiser for a \$250 per couple contribution. Beck said that in the past NDAR has joined the Victory Club and given an equal amount to the Democratic NPL Caucus. A motion to contribute an amount not to exceed \$2000 to each party was approved. M/S/C
4. Trustees Reviewed the Interview Schedule and Candidate Questions.
5. Interviews were conducted.

Interviews were proceeding more quickly than anticipated and the candidate to be interviewed at 4 p.m. had cancelled, so Mr. Seaman, Libertarian candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, whose interview by conference call was scheduled for 6:00 p.m., was contacted and agreed to be interviewed at 4:00 p.m.

Three candidates did not attend. Anthony Mangnall, Libertarian candidate for Tax Commissioner, did not respond. Ryan Rauschenberger, Republican

candidate for Tax Commissioner, notified Willis late on July 18 that he would not be able to participate due to an unexpected personal issue. April Fairfield, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, notified Willis on July 17 that she would be unavailable due to travel on July 19. Willis offered Fairfield an alternate date and time: Friday, July 18 at 10:30 or 11 a.m. by conference call and informed her that she could send someone to represent her as well. Fairfield's campaign manager responded that 11 a.m. on July 18 would work. Willis confirmed with Trustees and reconfirmed with Fairfield's campaign manager and reiterated that a representative could come in her place if she could not attend. Shortly before the 11 a.m. call, Fairfield notified Willis by e-mail of a miscommunication between herself and her campaign manager and said she could not attend the 11 a.m. conference call. Trustees felt that Fairfield was given ample opportunity for participation. A motion was approved to base the Trustees vote to endorse and/or contribute to a candidate for Secretary of State based on those who were available. M/S/C

On the other hand, Trustees felt that when a candidate cannot participate because of an unexpected event, they should be given additional opportunity. A motion was approved to inform Rauschenberger that Trustees would be available to interview him or his representative at 10 a.m. CDT on Monday, July 28, 2014. M/S/C Willis was asked to notify Rauschenberger and send out an e-mail confirmation to Trustees.

Beck said it has been rare in the past that a candidate has not been able to participate. Trustees also stated that many candidates in the past have sent a representative if they were not available. To clarify the process in the future, a motion was made that candidates will be notified of the times available to them or their representative on the interview date and will be told that if they or a representative are not able to attend, they must make arrangements for a conference call prior to the interview date or they will not be interviewed. M/S/C

6. A motion was approved to go into Executive Session to consider candidate endorsements. M/S/C After exiting Executive Session, Trustees agreed to complete endorsements on July 28, 2014 following the final candidate interview.
7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy R. Willis, State GAD