

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held: April 11, 1:15 p.m. at Otter Crest

MEMBER PRESENT: Cease, Chairperson, Halvorson, Vice Chairperson, Mays, Kirkpatrick, Nightingale, Roberts, Stevenson, Stuhr, Tippens

EXCUSED: Bailey, Nelson, Schumacher

Staff: Rich, Garbutt, Cross, Bukowsky, Etlinger, Lamb

Charles Warren, NAPA

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPENSES

Rich reported the amount in the budget for conference costs is \$2,000. We are now about \$1,000 over that figure, because we had not anticipated having to pay for the inaugural Commission meeting at the Benson Hotel from our account. The Commission cannot afford to continue to pay for committee meeting meals as it did in Phase I. It was agreed the members should pay for their own meals; arrangements for having sandwiches brought in would be handled by the staff.

At the May Executive meeting the staff will provide a breakdown of expenditures to date.

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Rich: Bromleigh Lamb and Ken Martin are preparing a report on the Constitutional and statutory provisions relating to government reorganization. Chuck Bukowsky and Ken are working on a tax code comparison of how much each code area pays for certain services and the level of service. Bruce Etlinger and Chuck are working on a matrix to be used in assigning functions to different levels of government.

The cost for the units of government report and charts prepared by Ken Martin was \$300. We need to save some of our meager funds for future research. When we reach the point of making recommendations we will be asked to report on how they will affect taxes. The research projects at that time will be more costly than the Martin chart.

Roberts: Is it possible to do preliminary work on a methodology for comparing costs associated with different alternatives. Also a survey of select groups on what changes they would recommend.

Warren: Denver is doing a citizen attitude survey. They also have a PR committee. He recommended the commission members read the guidelines report re public information and also on functional analysis.

Kirkpatrick: Raised the point that we would save 30% in printing cost if we can have it done by a non-union shop.

We want to explore the possibility of using trainee printers or PSU.

Warren suggested they could do our printing in Washington, D. C.

The committee suggested this be discussed with members of labor.

Exec. Committee

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Four of the five original committee chairman are willing to remain. Snedecor had requested he be replaced as chairman of the Regional Committee. The Executive Committee agreed on this. There followed a discussion on committee assignments. Stevenson said the committees all need more information on what the other committees are doing. At Wednesday's Executive Meeting Chairman Cease and McKay Rich will make their recommendations for tentative assignments to committees.

Warren voiced his concern about decentralization; "continue to put as much emphasis on decentralization as on regionalization."

Kirkpatrick: If we add someone to the commission we should add small districts.

Cease: We have several representatives to districts.

It was generally agreed that we should have a special committee for Public Relations.

ADJORNED 3:00 p.m.