

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS**

Thursday, July 12, 2018

President Karen Eck called the special meeting of the Board of Directors, National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP) to order at 12:33 pm Central on July 12, 2018.

The following Directors were present at the meeting: Karen Eck, Jan Abramson, Kathy Cataneo, Karen Fletcher, Jeri Hansen, Kari Whittenberger-Keith, Jill Jividen, Paul Tuttle, Etta Ward, Kimberly Eck, Kellie Dyslin, Jeff Agnoli. Directors Jennifer Lyon-Gardner, David Stone, and Rachel Dresbeck were absent.

Role of the Immediate Past President – Eck

This year we have a vacancy on the Board for the position of Immediate Past President due to the fact that the Immediate Past President, Michael Spires', Board term ended June 30, 2018. This will also be the case next year when the current President, Karen Eck's, term ends June 30, 2019. We will need to change our bylaws to compensate for this situation in the future, however, more pressing, we need to find a solution this year that fits with the current bylaws. There are two past presidents who are still on the Board: David Stone and Rachel Dresbeck, who have both agreed to serve in this role as needed and as the Board sees fit. The Bylaws state that the "Immediate Past President shall provide advice and counsel to the President and Vice President." The question was raised as to if the Immediate Past President could be someone who had been an officer of the Board and not have been President. It was decided that it should be a Past President, but noted that it was not clear in the Bylaws. The Board could appoint the most current/immediate Past President who is still on the Board. Could they both serve as Immediate Past President in order to have both of them give counsel? Would one of them need to be "head" Immediate Past President? It was decided they both could be equal. This would show the membership that NORDP values the expertise of their current and past leadership.

Cataneo moved (seconded by Ward) to offer the position of Immediate Past President to both David Stone and Rachel Dresbeck. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Karen Eck will reach out to both of them to see if they were willing to be in the role of co-Immediate Past President.

There being no further business, Agnoli moved to adjourn (Dyslin seconded) at 1:08 p.m. Central. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fletcher, President-Elect/Vice President