

Minutes

Travel Federation of Iowa Board of Directors Meeting Held during TFI's Contact/Capitol Visit Day, March 8, 2010

Board member participants: Linda Bacon, Lori Chappell, Pete Malmberg, Ann Vogelbacher, Julie Allesee, Kirk Brandenberger, Kim Burger, Kristie Wetjen, Carrie Koelker, Shirley Phillips, Michele Walker and Craig Patterson.

1. Welcome: President Pete Malmberg thanked board members and other industry participants for making the trip to Des Moines to visit with their legislators. Talking points were distributed and participants encouraged to hand deliver to their legislators. Copies were distributed to all legislators in their mail boxes as well.

2. Update on Lodging Bill: Craig Patterson provided an update on current issues including SSB 3245 – Lodging Regulation Fee. This bill allows cities and counties to impose by ordinance a lodging regulation fee up to \$1.50 per night. All funds in excess of inspection costs by the city or county would go into a separate fund and expended for property tax relief. Board members discussed the bill does not allow the funds to go toward tourism marketing. It was moved and seconded (Walker/Wetjen) to register TFI as opposed to this bill. CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Vogelbacher, Secretary 2009-2010