



# *NBRC VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

*MAKING IDEAS TANGIBLE THROUGH FOCUS AND EFFORT*

## **VAC Minutes January 23, 2007**

**Members Present:** Lance Parker, Don Morgan, Stan Higgins, Carin Lawrence, Beth Atton, Donna Feingold, Mick Woodson.

**Guests Present:** Susan Heskett, John McCue, Carolyn Worley, Linda Washington, Darla Brooks, Karen Lustig, Laura Cepoi, Richard Ruge, Nancy Gardner, Linda Wheeler, Sean Southworth.

- I.** The meeting was called to order by Lance at 10:05 a.m. followed by introductions of those in attendance.
- II.** There were no minutes for approval as there was no meeting in December, 2006.
- III. Committee Reports**
  - A. Best Practices - Carin reported on upcoming events and announced that attendance at Best Practices Planning Meetings had declined and called for volunteers to carry on the committee's work.
  - B. The Sonoma Vendor's Group provided a brief report on their previous meeting.
  - C. Beth reported on the Napa/Solano Vendors Group activities and suggested that the meetings be transitioned from the current lunchtime format to a format instead that might better facilitate a focus on current issues. Those in attendance agreed.
  - D. Richard announced that NBRC had hired a new training coordinator, Jude Williams, who would begin February 1.
- IV. Legislative Reports**
  - A. John McCue briefly discussed a regional CRA meeting that has been scheduled on February 1 in Sacramento. The primary topic of discussion at the meeting will be SB 1270.
  - B. Nancy reported on activities in Sacramento, especially the budget. That is reported to look pretty good this year although freezes are still in place. She also talked about ARCA's legislative agenda for the coming year.
- V. Policies and Procedures**

Laura reported that there was nothing to report presently.
- VI. VAC Development**

Lance provided members with a calendar of meetings for the coming year with no meeting scheduled in December. A brief discussion ensued and all members agreed to accept the calendar. Lance also talked about some issues around the topic of "burnout" and asked if others were interested in having a session where the topic could be explored in more detail. The hope was that the session would include the opportunity for people to express their own

impressions of this condition. After some discussion about how this could be handled, VAC members agreed that this was a needed activity.

**VII. Presentation**

There was no presentation.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Bob Phillips of the Area IV Board discussed the on-going process of development surrounding S.B. 1270 part of which was the development of a draft report and the solicitation of feedback. He suggested that VAC participate in the process by focusing upon the topic in its March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. The aim of the meeting would be to discuss the draft report and tender suggestions to the committee. This idea was discussed and agreed upon. There was also some discussion on the Area 4 Board's Legislative Forum which will not be held this year but should return in years to come.
- B. In conclusion, the VAC reviewed the general impressions of the last legislative presentation sponsored by the VAC regarding the possibility of unionization of program personnel on a statewide basis. There was a general consensus that both sides of the issue skirted the address of specific questions. Most who attended felt manipulated and frustrated by the presenters.