

NASASP OVERSEAS COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE
July 23, 2003

Present were: Jim Smith, AR; Dick Graves, IN; Marilyn Trachsel, MO; Porferio Perez, NM; Scott Pepperman, PA; Daryl Haeder, SD; Bill Beard, VT; Randy Main, Overseas Facilitator; and Kaelene Borkowski, SD (minutes).

Leo Fisher present for discussion under attorney client privilege. Leo was then excused for regular business portion.

Financial Report reviewed.

- A motion was made by Marilyn that the overseas fund reimburse the NASASP General Fund the \$10,000 attorney retainer deposit. Seconded by Jim Smith. Approved without dissent.

Randy Main

- Middle East: Screeners are screening property. There is a problem in getting the property off of the base. The contact for this area is Lt. Col. Fischer at the Friendly Forces Coord. Center. Word handed down from him is that it will take a minimum of 30 days to get a vehicle off base. The base in Saudi is scheduled to close in early September. Due to the draw down of the base, the military is planning to abandon the vehicles there. Randy is to contact Lt. Col. Fischer to try to work something out. Scott will tailor the letter he sent to DRMS and send it to Sen. Susan Collins' office in Maine. Randy was encouraged to call Senator Collins' office for assistance as a Maine businessman. Other possible contacts were discussed.

Rose Mouton-Yore of Battle Creek has been replaced by Vickie Rogers – per Scott P.

- Customs Issues: Customs is becoming a major and costly issue in holding up shipments. Randy has been finding that Customs won't accept US labels on vehicles claiming they can't tell if they are US or Canadian on certain vehicles. Randy has been in touch with manufacturers at GM. Daryl suggested Randy contact the Government Sales Officer for GM, which was Cathy Ford at 301-258-1535 the last he was in contact. Scott will send a letter requesting assistance to his former Governor who is now with Homeland Security - which Customs falls under.
- Discussion on States not taking shipments like they used to. Particular discussion on vehicles offered from Spain. Daryl and Randy are to work on a survey to send to participant States to find out what the issues are that keep them from accepting shipments. The results are to be discussed at the meeting in Vermont.
- Evaluations:
GSA 039 to Arkansas: Ditch digging machine and cargo truck. Agreed to \$500 but was charged \$800 to get vehicle to another base. The vehicle was not on the original broadcast, but replaced generators that were lost. Truck had no starter and was not listed that way. No reduction in screening fees was requested. No action taken by committee.

Champion road grader from Italy to South Dakota: It was obvious that the exhaust manifold was broken, but was not noted on the broadcast. No reduction in screening fees was requested. No action taken by committee.

Pickup trucks from Rota, Spain, to Vermont: pieces were missing that were not broadcast as missing. It appears that these vehicles were cannibalized after they were allocated. No reduction in screening fees requested as this appears to be no fault of the screener. Daryl is to write a letter to the DRMO chief bringing this issue to their attention and asking for their assistance. Randy will provide a physical and e-mail address.

Meeting in Vermont

Overseas Committee meeting – Saturday, August 16, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. on Bill's front porch. Randy will be present.

Overseas Participant's meeting has been moved from Wednesday to Monday a.m.

Recap

Scott will contact homeland security with customs concerns.

Daryl will see if he will be allowed to contact Senator Daschle for further assistance.

Randy & Daryl will work on survey to Overseas participants.

Leo Fisher will send letter to David Monroe regarding e-mails being received from IFT.

Marilyn will send memo to membership notifying of \$10,000 transfer from overseas to reimburse general fund.

Scott will contact GSA to see if any shipments have been made outside of NASASP Overseas Program.

Scott will contact Vickie Rogers at DRMS regarding Saudi situation.

Randy and Scott contact Susan Collins' office regarding Iraq situation.

Jim will contact Senator Lincoln regarding Saudi and Customs.

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