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**FEAWM
Board Meeting
October 24, 2007
VAMC Director's Suite Conference Room
Leeds, MA 01053**

Present: Mary Dowling, VAMC; Patrick Defalco, SSA; Jeff Anliker; Joe McDanel, WARB; David Mendoza, Barnes ANG; Douglas Loux, SSA; Laura Szwajkowski, VAMC

1. Minutes:

The minutes from the August 15, 2007 Board meeting were approved as written.

2. Treasurers Report:

Balance in the account as of October 19, 2007 was \$12,176.27. The treasurer's report was accepted as written.

3. Committee Updates:

Activities: No new report. David will inform Patrick of any activities that Barnes will be having for possible for a possible joint FEA/Barnes activity.

Awards: The Board discussed changing the date of the FEA Awards Banquet due to close-out, CR, etc. It was decided make this change to the 2009 banquet.

Education: No new report. Waiting for appointments to this committee.

Federal Relations: This group is working on an economic model that could be used to recruit other agency FEA participation. The Executive Director position is vacant due to the resignation of David Levin.

Pay and Benefits: On October 3rd Patrick DeFalco and Fred Baron from the Navy in Pittsfield testified in Washington D.C. before the Federal Salary Council for locality pay for Berkshire County. A strong proposal was presented, however, it was not approved.

Website/Public Relations: This committee is working on re-vamping the website and developing recruitment methods for job fairs.

Executive Directors Report: No report.

4. Award Program Critique:

Due to time constraints this agenda item was not discussed.

5. Executive Director Position:

Recruitment for this position will be done. This would be a great opportunity for an individual in a leadership program.

6. Retreat Decisions and Timeline:

Due to time constraints this agenda item was not discussed.

7. Board versus members meetings:

It was decided to leave the meeting schedule as is. There will no be meeting in November. The next meeting will be a Full Membership meeting and will be held on December 13th at the Blue Bonnet Diner in Northampton. The January, 2008 meeting will also be a Full Membership meeting.

Action: Laura will make the reservations.

An Annual Report will be presented at the December 13th meeting.

Action: Members will prepare the report.

8. Other: None

9. Next meeting:

December 13th: Full Membership Meeting @ Blue Bonnet, Northampton 8:15am

January 23rd: Full Membership Meeting @ VAMC, Leeds 8:15am

February 27th: Board Meeting @ 8:15am @ VAMC, Leeds 8:15am

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Recorder: Laura Szwajkowski