**Program of Work and Budget Discussion**

**High Level of Reserves**

Q: Does your affiliate have any large projects and/or expenditures coming up? If so, are you saving to fund them? If not, why do you think your affiliate has such a high level of reserves?

* Absorbed from districts moving to regions
* Some feel that even though we have a lot of money, you shouldn’t use reserves
* Not providing enough benefits
* We don’t know!
* Fear of spending
* Not used to spending
* Website redesign for compatibility and other changes
* Lobbying efforts for licensure
* Video campaign to increase PR awareness/interest
* Saving for a lobbyist, but now don’t need
* Diet manual brought in more revenue than expected – use to update website

Q: Does your affiliate have a way to submit new project proposals? If yes, explain your process. If no, how does your affiliate consider new projects?

* Lack of structure to implement
* Put in budget requests and write a business proposal – have the board approve
* Policy and procedure for members to submit project proposal – must involve an RDN somehow
* Monthly board calls discussion

Q: How are current programs evaluated? Does your affiliate work on expanding successful programs?

* No formal process
* Annual meetings evaluated
* Through the budget
* Surveys and budget evaluations
* Done at the board meeting – summarize and report out by person running point on the project
* Stipend/grant program – informal feedback from the chair of the initiative

Q: How do your volunteers and committees request funds be added to the POW and Budget for the upcoming year?

* No formal process
* Proposal
* Consent Agenda
* Post event summaries/evaluations
* Finance committee meeting in October – committees give input on their needs

Q: What new ideas for types of member benefits did your group come up with?

* Website
* Scholarships to meetings like FNCE
* Event planner hired for annual conference
* Apparel
* Cover expenses of meeting registrations for board members
* Scholarship funds
* Networking events
* Professional development stipend
* Adding more CEU
* Add speaker bureau to website
* Cover expenses for attending PPW for members to apply for
* Encourage board members to think outside the box to come up with ways to use extra funds – project proposal form

**Low Level of Reserves**

Q: Did your affiliate recently have any large projects and/or expenditures coming up? If so, did you use reserves to fund them? If not, why do you think your affiliate has such a low level of reserves?

* Unexpected hotel expenses
* Conference
* Q: Does your affiliate have a way to submit new project proposals? If yes, explain your process. If no, how does your affiliate consider new projects?
* Solicit ideas vie website/Facebook, newsletter, surveys

Q: How are current programs evaluated? Does your affiliate work on making programs more profitable?

* Surveys and evaluations
* Travel and talk to members about what they want
* Meet member needs versus profit

Q: How do your volunteers and committees request funds be added to the POW and Budget for the upcoming year?

* At the board meeting

Q: What new ideas for balancing the budget did your group come up with?

* Scholarships
* More memberships from non-RD members
* Fundraising – promote the org (shirts and bags)
* Small projects/events to charge for
* Look for ways to save and/or shift money
* Webinars – hot topics for $5