The meeting was called to order by President-elect Chris Decker.

**Present:** Maurice Baker, Dave Carpenter, Chris Decker, Joyce Gleason, Allen Jenkins, Doug Kinnear, Ron Konecny, Jack Kramer, Kenneth Lemke, Les Manns, Dave Palmer, Roger Sindt, Kim Sosin, Bill Snyder, Keith Turner

**Minutes of February 23, 2008 Board Meeting**
Minutes of the February 2008 board meeting were distributed by Secretary/Treasurer Jack Kramer. Keith Turner requested that an email copy of the draft of 2009 Board Meeting minutes be sent out to board members. The Secretary-Treasurer will email the draft with in 90 days of the NEBA board meeting.

**Action:** Keith Turner moved that the minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Maurice Baker. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s report of 1/31/09 Board Meeting**
The 1/31/09 balance is $1,280.

**Action:** Kim Sosin moved that the treasurer’s report be accepted. Motion Seconded by Maurice Baker. Motion passed.

**Nominations to Executive Board**
The Constitution states “The membership at the annual meeting shall elect no fewer than four members-at-large each year to serve on the executive board for a term of three years to begin immediately following the annual fall meeting.”

**The following individuals have been nominated for vote at the annual meeting:**
- Allan Jenkins UNK (09)
- Bill Snyder PSC (09)
- Craig MacPhee UNK (09)
- Jack Kramer HC (09)
- Joyce Gleason NWU (ret.) (09)

**President-elect**
Discussion centered on Kearney has the location of the 2010 Great Plans Conference. A final selection of president-elect was not made although Allen Jenkins, Ron Konecny, and David Palmer all expressed their willingness to help with the 2010 conference. A final decision will be made at the 2009 annual meeting.

**NEBA Journal**
The board expressed appreciation to Dave Palmer for his continued progress with the professional upgrading of the “Economics and Business Journal: Inquires and Perspectives”.
Great Plains Conference
President-elect Chris Decker suggested the next Great Plains Conference be held October 30, 2009 at the Fed in Omaha.

Action: The board agreed by consensus.

Jack Kramer asked if paper announcements need to be mailed out or if no cost email was sufficient.

Action: The board agreed by consensus that email registration and announcements are sufficient.

Conference Basic Planning included the following ideas, approximate times which may change as the program is put together, and responsibilities. President-elect Chris Decker may make changes to the conference and the program, as he deems necessary.

Chris Decker will contact the Fed to finalize the date (Oct 30) and ask about hotel accommodations to provide information for the NEBA registration forms.

Thursday night-
1. Jack Kramer will include a time and a place for participants that are in Omaha to meet and have supper together “Pre-conference input session”. Any suggestions for time and place from board members will be forwarded to Jack.

Friday Great Plans Conference
2. 8:00 Coffee Rolls – Chris Decker
3. 8:00-8:25 registration – Jack Kramer
4. Welcome 8:25 Chris Decker
5. 8:30-10:20 Student papers Dave Palmer
6. 10:20-10:30 Break with coffee refreshments
7. 10:30-12:00 Professional papers – Dave Palmer
8. 12:00:1:30 Lunch/Speaker
   Luncheon speaker, Jason Henderson (Fed - Omaha) if available Chris Decker will contact the Fed
9. 1:30:3:00 panel discussion (Tentative topic: Signs of Recovery)
   a. Chris Decker will try to get Scott Strain from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Sandra Scofield from the UNL Rural Initiative (if he can't get Sandra, he will try to get Eric Thompson from the BBR at UNL)
   b. Maurice Baker will get someone to talk about the Ag. sector
   c. Ken Lemke will contact Richard Beier from the Dept. of Econ. Development
10. 3:00:3:45 NEBA Business meeting (presiding President Les Manns)

Chris Decker
1. Will make the location and room reservations
2. Will make the meal and refreshment arrangements
3. Arrange for needed AV equipment
4. Prepare the program (support from Theresa and Jack)
5. Prepare the registration form with Jack Kramer
Jack Kramer and Theresa Lang
   1. E-mail the registration form
   2. Print the programs

Dave Palmer
   1. Prepare Student Presentations announcements
   2. Prepare Faculty presentations announcements

2009 Conference Plaques
Donis Petersan’s name was mentioned. In the discussion, it was pointed out that plaques of been given in relation to the location of the Great Plains Conference so it is easier for retired members to come. It was felt it might be better to wait on Donis until we were in Lincoln. No other names were discussed and it was decided by consensus that if any one had ideas for the 2009 conference plaques they would forward them President-elect Chris Decker. The Secretary-Treasurer will order the plaques or other appropriate items.

Membership
Theresa Lang will email the NEBA email address and mailing lists to the NEBA board members for any additions or corrections. For information Theresa’s email, address is tlang@hastings.edu.

Adjourn
Chris Decker, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,