

**AGA Topeka Chapter**  
**Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Fox Ridge Clubhouse**  
**February 6, 2008 @ 5:30 pm**

**Members Present:** Sabrina Wells, Kathy Bohnhoff, Fred Baer, Nickie Roberts, Walt Darling, Scott Alisoglu, Linda Farlow, and Melinda Richter.

**Minutes** – Sabrina, in Marti's absence, distributed copies of the minutes from the January 3, 2008 CEC meeting. She reviewed the minutes with committee members. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Professional Lecture Series** – Scott reported that Jim Martin, with Washburn University, would present at our next lecture meeting. The topic would be how utility rates are set. The date of this meeting is February 27, 2008. It will be held at Washburn University's Memorial Union. Linda announced that National AGA had changed the ethics audio conference presentation to May 14, 2008. It was discussed that Gina Cregg, with the KU Continuing Education Department in Lawrence, had offered the use of their conference rooms, free of charge. The audio conference will be held from 1-3. Linda also contacted Bernie Hayen to see if he might also want to present at this May 14 conference. He indicated that he would not have time to do so.

**Treasurer's Report** – Walt referenced financial reports that he sent out via email, to CEC members at 4:30 pm that day. He noted that most expenses incurred in the month of December 2007 had been paid-off. The December social cost approximately \$680. We still have unused cases of beer, hard liquor and peanuts that can possibly be used for the PDC social. Walt had not collected all registration monies for the Goossen lecture series meeting in January. However, he said that once all receipts are in for this meeting, the amount would total \$624. Walt reported that one of the CDs had been cashed and was placed in savings bringing the savings balance to \$7,516. The checking balance is \$5,019. He indicated that some agencies had overpaid, while others and underpaid. Walt also mentioned that he had not done any more checking to see if Topeka AGA could get a higher return on its savings or checking by changing to a financial institution offering a higher interest rate.

**Community Services Report** – Nickie reported that she'd begun to send out letters requesting contributions for prizes for use in drawing for the upcoming PDC. She'd sent out 21 special letters and had received tickets from TPAC, KC T-bones, golf courses, and tickets for a March 26 performance at the Lied Center in Lawrence. Nickie said that she would begin visiting patrons in person in a week.

**Chapter Points** – Melinda reminded everyone that points for the quarter (Nov/Dec/Jan) were due on February 12. She stated that she would send an email reminder. We've maxed-out points that we can earn in some categories. Melinda stated that we need points in the CGFM category. The proclamation usually gets us points in this category. We also could stand to receive more points in the Early Careers category. Walt mentioned that he would be working with Melinda on a strategy to provide scholarships

to the PDC for college students. Melinda also mentioned that we can get points for conducting a survey of the membership (from 100-200 points).

**PDC Report** – Sabrina provided an updated on the status of the planning for the PDC. She reported that earlier in the day, at 1:00 p.m., there had been a meeting at the Celtic Fox of the PDC Planning Committee. At that meeting, the committee reviewed the list of speakers and firmed-up the two-day schedule. The next meeting of the PDC Planning Committee will be February 20, 2008, @ 1:00 p.m. at the Celtic Fox. The countdown will begin.

**Miscellaneous Business** – Fred reported that he had obtained a copy of our chapter's bylaws. He has been reviewing those bylaws and comparing them to the national bylaws. Fred will send a marked-up draft of our bylaws to each CEC member for comment. Fred referenced language in the existing bylaws that required them to be signed by 30 chapter members, to be adopted. A discussion and possible adoption of updated bylaws will be on the agenda of our next CEC Meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. *The next CEC meeting will again be tentatively held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 @ 11:30 a.m. at the Celtic Fox, Downtown Topeka.*