



AGA Topeka Chapter
Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee
July 9, 2008



Members Present: Nickie Roberts, Walt Darling, Larry Barrett, Pam Simecka, Linda Farlow, Scott Alisoglu, Kathy Bohnhoff, Melinda Richter, Brandi Baer, Fred Baer, Muriah Bayless, Sandra Dreasher.

Minutes – No changes made. Minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report- According to Walt, the lateness of the National PDC is throwing off our financial report. An assistant Treasurer is still needed.

Brandi asked about taking a gift basket on the plane to this year's PDC. Can we have it sent by mail for the auction? No decision was made.

Brandi made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Linda seconded; approval was unanimous. The program year budget was also approved.

Audio Conferences – A vigorous debate ensued with regard to the current member/non-member prices of \$15/\$20 for audio conferences and luncheon lectures. Decision was made to keep audio conferences at the \$15/\$20 level, but change luncheon lectures to the \$10/\$15 level.

An assistant audio conference coordinator is still needed. It was noted that Gina Cregg will assist with conferences in Lawrence, but we need someone for Topeka.

Education Chair Report – The committee reviewed Sandra's Education Plan that was to be submitted to National on July 15. The August Luncheon will be at the Jayhawk Tower at a cost of \$8 per meal (there is no room rental fee).

PDC – Scott noted that the PDC is moving along well and that he is close to confirming a speaker from the National Grants Management Association that would do two sessions (probably one on A-87) and require only travel expenses.

Senior Class was mentioned as a possibility for the PDC as well.

Newsletter – Muriah Bayless was introduced as the Newsletter Director.

Early Careers – Melinda is using last year's early careers information as a model for this year.

Chapter Points – The Chapter made platinum again. Early careers is one area where we are point deficient, although Walt will check with National to see where we ended up with total points.

Community Service – The loose change program that began in June will continue through August. The American Heart Walk is the next big community service event.

By-Laws – Fred started discussion about changing the by-laws to allow the removal of CEC members who miss three meetings and included several alternatives. As the by-laws already include provisions for member renewal, the decision was made to leave the by-laws unchanged.

CGFM – Brandi has copies of the plan. The goal is to help people acquire the CGFM certification.

The budget includes scholarship money to help defray the costs.

Study guides will be updated in August, so we may need to purchase for study groups.

Brandi will work with early careers and membership regarding CGFM.

Membership – Walt said we are doing well with bringing in members, but we are losing existing members too.

Walt proposed that we work more with new members for retention purposes.

Walt proposed that we have several different socials to cover different segments of the membership (see Membership Plan).

Other Business – Larry noted that he would like a list of member e-mail addresses. Sabrina has this information and will provide it to Larry. There should be three distinct e-mail groups: one for members, one for the CEC, and one for “all.” Walt mentioned that we have the option of the list being attached to the website.

Discussion of the Allen County scholarship ensued, as the school is looking for applicants. However, Brandi relayed a story that Travis called there to inquire and they told him they had no such scholarship. Calls to Cindy Adams were not returned. The matter will be investigated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting –