



**AGA Topeka Chapter
Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee
August, 11 2008**



Members Present: Nickie Roberts, Walt Darling, Larry Barrett, Linda Farlow, Scott Alisoglu, Melinda Richter, Brandi Baer, Fred Baer, Sandra Dreasher, Sabrina Wells

Members Absent: Muriah Baker, Marti Leisinger, Pam Simecka, Kathy Bohnhoff

Minutes – No changes made. Minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report- Walt noted that an amount of \$2,080 for the PDC should have been shown in the *National* PDC section, not the local PDC section. There is also a question about a \$180 revenue item in the “other reimbursement” line. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Chapter Points – Kathy was absent, but submitted her report via e-mail. *The only thing I have to report is that the Chapter Plans were submitted, earning us 1000 points in the "Chapter Leadership, Planning, & Participation" category and 200 points in the "Early Career and Student Members" category. The first "points report" is due September 30, covering the months of May through September. There are a couple of deadlines coming up before then. The annual review of chapter finances, conducted by a reviewer independent of the Treasurer and CEC, and a history report are both due by September 30. In the past, the outgoing treasurer (Walt this year) was in charge of finding someone to perform the review---Don Wilson did this for us last year. I am not sure who prepares the history report, but I'm sure one of the board members would know. I'm preparing a checklist of "points eligible" activities that I will send out to the CEC sometime next week so that everyone can determine what points have been earned in their area.*

PDC Report – Marti was absent, but provided the following report via e-mail, which was read during the meeting by Larry.

So far we have:

Chevron - Energy Audits

Dr. Farley - Scheduled as first speaker on Thursday Health Agency - Bioterrorism, pandemics Susan Fritzlen - Citizen Centric Reporting Chief Ron Miller Scott got us a speaker for grant management from National Grants Management Association

Emergency Management issues - lessons from Greensburg GASB - probably Karen Linn

Still hoping to get Morehead from National

Other possibilities:

Maggie Kelley - laugh therapist

Kent Olson on ERP's - can someone contact him?

Will contact Sebelius and other politicians after the election

Next PDC mtg - last Thursday of the month at 5:30 at Rendezvous. I'll send out an e-mail next week.

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Lectures Coordinator – Walt proposed asking new members to take these positions as a way to get them more involved in Chapter activities.

The group decided that the assistant secretary position was unnecessary, as in the absence of the secretary another CEC member in attendance at the meeting can simply take the minutes. However, Walt indicated that the Assistant Treasurer position is important because of the Treasurer's burdensome workload, which will grow even more this year because of the large number of Chapter events planned to be held during the program year.

Linda Shaver agreed to assist Sandra with the lecture series when necessary.

Sabrina said she would ask Kim Mason if she can help with audio conferences as well.

Audio Conferences – Discussion took place about the possibility of holding conference in Manhattan as well. Walt conveyed that he discussed the issue with Bernie Hayen and noted that he said he would look into allowing Bernie and his staff to attend free of charge. A vigorous discussion ensued led by Brandi's vehement disagreement over the notion of allowing a free audio conference in Manhattan. The idea behind Walt's proposal was to attract potential AGA members to the Manhattan event, which would pay off in the long run.

After some debate the board unanimously voted to charge \$20 for the Manhattan audio conference. Students will be allowed in free of charge with valid student ID. However, Linda will ask Bernie about his understanding of what he and his people will be charged, base on his conversation with Walt.

Education Chair Report – Sandra noted that after October the Jayhawk Club eatery will be closed. As such, another location must be found for luncheon lectures. A room at the Celtic Fox is a possibility.

Community Service – A total of \$13.85 was collected through the Loose Change program in June, July, and August. The chapter match will make that amount \$30 (rounded up from \$27.70). The board decided to make the Loose Change program an on-going community service function.

American Heart Walk is September 13 in Reynolds Lodge at Lake Shawnee.

Race Against Breast Cancer is October 4 at Washburn Law School (early registration is October 3). Race packets will be stuffed the preceding Thursday night; volunteers are needed and should e-mail Nickie Roberts at Nickie.Roberts@da.ks.gov. The board voted to pay the registrations of those members who volunteer.

September Social – Walt will host an Oktoberfest social at his home in September. There will be bratwursts, hot dogs, hamburgers, and beer. The board approved the event unanimously; Walt will let us know the exact date in September. The board also approved the purchase of a Karaoke machine.

Early Careers – Melinda is sending announcements to Washburn University.

Membership Report – Walt indicated that membership is at 87 this month and last month. Walt also reviewed a statistical analysis of the membership for the board.

Other Business – Walt was congratulated on attaining the Regional Vice President platinum award.

The Chapter was given the platinum award in Atlanta. Sabrina gave highlights of the National PDC.

The CEC also discussed the possibility of taking an AGA group to see the movie IOUSA