



## Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 10, 2008



The meeting was called to order by Larry Barrett, President at 5:30 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

### **Monthly Financial Report**

Pam Simecka presented the financial report. The report was formatted in the traditional manner by using the software to generate the information, then entering that information into the format. Pam noted that Don has received information for the entire last year and was reviewing the information. She indicated that she did not find a deposit for the October meeting. Walt indicated that he had taken the receipts after the meeting and would bring the paperwork to the next meeting.

### **Web Maintenance**

Larry asked if anyone might be available to assist the web master in maintaining the web site. It was decided that an announcement would be included in the newsletter requesting volunteers to assist in that endeavor.

### **January Newsletter**

A draft of the upcoming newsletter was distributed for comments.

### **PDC Planning**

Marti indicated that most speaker slots were filled, but requested assistance in obtaining a couple additional speakers. She noted that UMB bank had not replied to her notes and asked if someone familiar with that organization would call and request their participation. Discussion indicated that with the final efforts would require coordination with the hotel and that Don might be willing to assist in that part of the planning. Also, there was concern expressed that the shortfall in revenues to the state and local governments might result in smaller numbers at the PDC and that we could factor that possibility into our planning. Marti announced that William (Billy) Morehead of Delta State University was confirmed for the conference. Billy will speak at two breakout sessions and chair the panel discussion which will include elected officials of the State, County, and City.

### **January Lecture**

The date for the January lecture was shifted to the 15<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the speaker, and the public release of the Governor's budget. The location will be the Celtic Fox and the participation is expected to be strong.

### **Audio Conferences**

Linda reports that at the audio conference, we had 10 persons attending. Of these, five were members and five were non-members. The planning for the next audio conference

is complete. It will be held January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Participants should go to the Marvin Auditorium, Room 101A.

### **Community Service**

Nickie reported that the fundraising for Toys-for-Tots was a success. During the Holiday Social, the Chapter raised \$300. Donations were accepted in the amount of \$5 and door prizes were awarded, with a total of 54 door prizes given out.

The Loose Change program will restart for spring at the January Lecture.

Efforts on the PDC fundraiser will be underway beginning in January.

### **Certification**

Brandi Baer announced that a study group was being formed and that three persons would be included. She is releasing a notice of the study group within the newsletter to give others an opportunity to participate.

### **Early Career**

Melinda reported that the National Early Career conference call was held the previous month, and that a second national conference call would be held the following week. In addition, as the Regional Coordinator for Early Career, Melinda is hosting a monthly conference call for all Early Career Chairs within the Midwestern Region. She indicated that discussions at the Regional and National level are suggesting that AGA should have access to the many persons using web site such as FACEBOOK. It may be that AGA will initiate such a site.

### **Comments around the Table**

Nickie announced her retirement from the State of Kansas. She has served the state for 35 years.

Walt suggested that the Chapter consider establishing a new scholarship at KU or adding to the existing scholarships, using monies that the Chapter gains from its activities. In the discussion, the Treasurer noted concern that with a balance of \$17,000, we might want to hold the discussion until after we see the results of the Professional Development Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Walter Darling, substitute minute taker.