



**AGA Topeka Chapter**  
**Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee**  
**April 8, 2009**



**Members Present:** Nickie Roberts, Walt Darling, Brandi Baer, Melinda Richter, Fred Baer

**Members Absent:** Sabrina Wells, Muriah Baker, Scott Alisoglu, Kathy Bohnhoff, Pam Simecka, Linda Farlow, Marti Leisinger

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM following the arrival of a fifth Executive Committee Member.

**Approval of Minutes** – The action of the previous meeting approving the February Minutes was rescinded by a unanimous vote due to questions in the interpretation of two sentences. The CEC approved modifying the language of the February minutes to change from Spring Social to PDC Social, the title of the activity that had a Marti Gras Theme. The second area, which was related to a question on \$3,000 that came up during a review of the financing for last year, was discussed, but the CEC did not want to take action without additional information from the Treasurer.

**Treasurer's Report** – There was no Treasurer's report.

**Membership Committee Director Report**

Walt reported that we currently have 96 members. This number would likely be offset by retirements during the year that would result in a loss of members. It will be a couple months before our gains and losses will show what our membership numbers are to start the New Year.

Walt also mentioned that the email list had been updated, and, all email failures for which we received server failure notices have been resolved.

**Professional Lecture Series – Education Committee Chair Report**

There was no report.

Members indicated that they were concerned that our continued use of the Jayhawk may cause participants to stop coming. They related that members had told them they were unhappy with the location and food. In addition, comments were made regarding possible disorganization that occurred at the last Lecture when the Education Chair could not attend and no bio or speaker gift was available for the speaker. It was also mentioned that the Jayhawk had stored scaffolding in the room being used, making the space appear less than professional.

**Social Committee Report**

Brandi moved that the Board adopt a social for the spring that would provide a free ticket for a member and one guest to the May 30 presentation by the "Senior Class" at the Topeka Civic Theatre. The number of tickets would be limited to 40, which at a cost of

\$6 each would cost the Chapter \$240 if all tickets were used. The Senior Class performs in the Oldfather Theatre. The doors open at 7:00 PM and the performance begins at 8:00 PM.

#### **Audio Conference Committee Chair Report**

There was no report.

#### **Certification Committee Chair Report**

**Study Group** – Brandi informed the Board that the Study Group will begin meeting this month. The first meeting will be held at PT’s Coffee on April 15.

**Proclamations** – Brandi has received the official proclamation from the State of Kansas.

#### **Early Careers Committee Chair Report**

Melinda announced that she had organized an event for Early Career Members. It was to be held at the Celtic Fox on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00. She is planning on appetizers.

#### **Community Service Committee Report**

Nickie updated everyone on the status of the community service activities.

#### **Communications Committee Chair Report**

**Newsletter** – Muriah was not available for her report.

#### **Bylaws Committee Chair Report**

Fred Baer presented a draft modification to the Bylaws. This draft would create a committee, which would be made up of Past-Presidents of the Topeka Chapter. After discussion, it was decided that the proposal should be re-written to remove restrictions which might prohibit any past-president from participating. The Committee would be constructed as a permanent standing committee.

#### **Sectional Leadership Meetings**

Nickie indicated that her surgery was very successful and that she could attend the SLM after all. Walt indicated he would contact national to see if she could be added to the list of approved attendees.

#### **National PDC – New Orleans**

The Bylaws call for financial support to the President and President-Elect. Last year the Chapter financed four scholarships. The CEC decided not to discuss any scholarships over the two offered in the Bylaws until more members are available to participate in the discussion.

Brandi, Nickie, and Melinda volunteered to put together a basket for the raffle at the National PDC.

**Meeting adjourned.**