

AGA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting January 2, 2014

Submitted by Carrie Blair, Secretary, prepared by John Dunne

The chapter Executive Committee for the Nashville chapter met on Thursday, January 2, 2014, in the 16th floor Video Conferencing Center of the James K. Polk Building.

Attendees

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present: Rusty Lacy, President; Michelle Earhart, President-Elect; Ray Register, Immediate Past President; Kay Ulmer, Treasurer; Kandi Thomas; Chas Taplin; Margaret Walker; Karen Hale; and John Dunne.

Committee members present: Barry Monson; Gerry Boaz; and Scarlet Sneed.

Call to Order

Rusty Lacy called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

Agenda

Rusty had passed out an agenda to everyone.

Reports from Officers and Committees

Immediate Past President

Ray Register had nothing to report.

President-Elect

Michelle Earhart stated that she had submitted the second quarter Chapter Recognition points and that the chapter had 9,532 points. Gerry Boaz inquired whether there were any areas where the points were under what might be expected or could be earned. Michelle noted that Membership might be one such area, but that CGFM and Community Service had earned lots of points. Barry Monson asked if having regional or national AGA officers coming to speak could earn the chapter extra points. Michelle stated that points could not be earned specifically for having these officers speak. Barry, Michelle, Rusty, and Gerry Boaz named potential speakers/luncheon topics for the remainder of the year: Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR); Phillip Nally; William Miller, National AGA President-Elect; Doreen Shute; and Department of Human Resources Commissioner Rebecca Hunter.

Secretary

Carrie Blair was not present.

Treasurer

Kay Ulmer had nothing to report.

Accountability Outreach

Gerry Boaz stated that he was working to meet with County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) and Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS).

Awards

Neither Michael Edwards nor Jeff Hughes was present.

CGFM

Jerry Durham was not present.

Community Service

Neither Jacqueline Laws nor Tammy Fruscione was present.

Michelle inquired about the status of the Fisher House project and Rusty stated that he would check with the Community Service Committee about it.

Corporate Sponsorship

Neither Nichole Curtiss nor Jennifer Garoutte was present.

Early Careers

Margaret Walker had nothing to report.

Education

Chas Taplin stated that there were 105 attendees signed up for the Winter Seminar, which would be at Nashville State Community College on the two days after the free day of training being sponsored by the local Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) chapter. Gerry asked whether, as a guess, the breakeven point had been met for the winter seminar. Chas stated that he believed that the breakeven point was approximately 90 registrants, depending on how many of these individuals were AGA members (since there were different rates for members and nonmembers). Kandi Thomas requested that the names of the nonmembers attending the Winter Seminar be provided to the Membership Committee for their outreach efforts; Michelle asked that she be notified of these efforts since the chapter would receive points for these activities.

Chas noted that there would also be an audio conference on January 29, 2014.

Gerry asked whether there would be a Spring Breakfast; Chas stated that he was not sure, but that this was a possibility. According to Chas, the Fall Breakfast did not sell out, but the chapter did exceed the breakeven point for this event.

Finance

Andy Furlong was not present.

Gerry Boaz stated that the chapter's IRS Form 990 had been submitted and that it was a free submission. According to Gerry, he was the only one that was listed as being authorized to submit the form, but that Rusty had been added during the most recent filing. Gerry and Michelle noted that the list of authorized individuals would need to be updated again for the coming year.

Meetings and Attendance

Scarlet Sneed provided reports for the CEC members' attendance at CEC and Chapter meetings. She stated that there were currently 63 members signed up for the Chapter meeting on January 6, 2014.

Membership

Kandi stated that, other than her request for the nonmembers attending the Winter Seminar, she had nothing else to report.

The committee discussed the retention of old members as a possible area of focus for the chapter. Rusty noted that contacting members who had not renewed their membership was considered as a strategy in the past. Ray Register stated the chapter did not know which members were not renewing their AGA registration until the end of the March; at this point, there was only about a month to contact these individuals. Gerry Boaz suggested that it might be an issue of marketing AGA's benefits properly, particularly the comparatively low-cost CPE available through membership. Scarlet noted that this might not work as an incentive to Division of State Audit employees since the local CFE chapter had less expensive monthly luncheons and since training was typically free anyway. Gerry stated that rebranding AGA had been put to a vote at the national level recently, but did not pass. Rusty noted that it was important to get the word out that AGA was not just about accounting.

Minutes

Rusty asked if any other changes were needed for the minutes of the November 21st meeting and none were suggested. The minutes were approved.

Newsletter

Karen Hale stated that she needed more volunteers for the spotlight articles and would be eager to hear from anyone willing to write an article long enough to go in the newsletter. Margaret Walker said that she would do the next spotlight article. She also suggested that a questionnaire, similar to the one used for the national AGA newsletter, might be helpful. Rusty added that it might also be possible to give people the option of letting them use the questionnaire or write their own article.

Program

Barry Monson stated that the February meeting would be a joint meeting between the local CFE, Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), and, potentially, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) chapters. He said that he had spoken with Connie Calloway, ASPA President, and that she had expressed some interest, but that it was not yet clear whether it would be a joint meeting with them. Scarlet stated that she would need the contacts at all of the organizations before the meeting.

Website

Neither Dan Willis nor Nathan Abbott was present.

Rusty emphasized that all committee chairs need to ensure that their sections are updated.

President

Rusty requested volunteers for member profiles for the national newsletter. He stated that discussion of Policies 2, 3, and 5 would be tabled for a later meeting. He also reminded the CEC of the AGA Professional Development Training (PDT) to be held in Frankfort, Kentucky, on May 15 and 16, 2014.

Other Business – An annual social activity was also discussed, and Barry asked if there would be any interest in attending a TPAC event. He stated that he would put together a proposal based on the scheduled shows and that he would send out a survey in the next several weeks to gauge everyone's interest.

Adjourn

The next CEC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2014, and Rusty adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.