

AGA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes April 30, 2012

Submitted by Mary Anne Queen, Secretary

The Chapter Executive Committee for the Nashville Chapter met on Monday, April 30, 2012, in the 14th floor conference room of the James K. Polk Building.

Attendees

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present: Shirley Henry, President; Ray Register, President-Elect; Melvin Jones, Immediate Past President; Mary Anne Queen, Secretary; Kayla Shewcraft, Treasurer; Keevia Battle; Jerry Durham; David Lannom; Valerie Oliver; and Scarlet Sneed.

Committee members present: Gerry Boaz, Karen Hale, Eugene Hampton, and Tammy Fruscione (via phone).

Call to Order

Shirley Henry called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

Agenda

Shirley had emailed the agenda to everyone earlier in the day and asked them to print out the agenda and bring it to the meeting with them. She offered copies of the agenda at the meeting to anyone who did not have a copy.

Minutes

Mary Anne Queen had previously distributed the draft minutes for the April 2, 2012, CEC meeting. No one had any corrections. The minutes were considered approved.

Reports from Officers and Committees

Immediate Past President

Melvin Jones thanked Shirley and the chapter for a great year.

President-Elect

Ray Register reported on the Sectional Leadership meeting. He said that the Nashville Chapter was well represented at the 2012 Sectional Leadership Meeting, both at the chapter and regional levels.

Chapter leaders: Ray Register, President (-elect)
 Mason Ball, Education
 Valerie Oliver, Membership

Regional leaders: Karen Hale, Regional Vice President (-elect)
 Eugene Hampton, II, Regional Coordinator for Membership
 Ron Queen, Regional Coordinator for Certification

The first morning they were welcomed by Al Franklin and Phil Nally, Senior Vice Presidents for Regional Services for sections 1 and 4, followed by an inspiring talk by Evelyn Brown, National President-Elect, titled "Our Professional Journey – Path to Success." The morning was rounded out with presentations by national office staff and sectional leaders.

That afternoon regional workshops were convened to discuss goals and expectations, communications, chapter best practices, etc. Karen Hale ably facilitated the southeast regional workshop that they all attended.

The second morning National office staff provided updates on navigating the newly re-designed AGA website and CGFM. This was followed by breakout workshops on education, certification, membership, tips for running a successful chapter, and accountability.

Ray said that he felt the meeting is really worthwhile. It's a great opportunity for sharing knowledge and ideas as well as building relationships between other chapter, regional, sectional, and national leaders, along with the national office staff. It helps to make sure that everyone is aligned in the direction we're heading and generates enthusiasm for AGA.

Treasurer

Kayla Shewcraft provided the financial report through April 27, 2012. There was some discussion. Shirley asked for suggestions for an individual to perform the 2011-2012 review of the chapter's financial statements. The review report is due to the National Office by September 30, 2012. Gerry Boaz suggested Michelle Earhart.

Accountability Outreach

Karen Hale reported that she had inquiries regarding the CCR challenge, but no one participated.

Awards

Shirley announced that the chapter has submitted award nominations to National for the Chapter Service Award and the Chapter Community Service Award. The chapter also submitted a nomination for William A. Morehead for the Robert W. King Award. He is a past National President, and Richard Norment asked the chapter to support his nomination for this award.

CGFM

Jerry Durham announced that the study DVDs for the CGFM exams will soon be complete.

Community Service

Melvin Jones reported on the Alex Green Teacher Appreciation Week and provided a handout with information regarding volunteering. Tammy Fruscione announced that the Bravo luncheon is May 14, and the chapter will receive an award for ten years of support. Tammy also reported that ten people from the chapter volunteered at the Country Music Marathon. The committee will present two awards for community service at the May chapter meeting.

Early Careers

Shirley announced that since Ellen Dunkin has resigned, she will be presenting the Early Careers awards at the May chapter meeting.

Education

Karen Hale shared that Rhonda Williams' parents have been having serious health problems.

Meetings and Attendance

Shirley thanked the committee for the great CEC lunches this year! Scarlet Sneed said that she and Melvin Jones had discussed the possibility of having the chapter meetings at the Doubletree Hotel and the Doubletree was receptive. Scarlet expressed concern about the cost. Scarlet said that she added another table for the May chapter meeting; there are 80 confirmed. Ray Register asked if the chapter may want to consider changing the meeting day. There was discussion, and the consensus was that any day except Friday would be acceptable.

Membership

Membership as of 4/30/12 is 365. The chapter started the year with 365 members. The chapter has a total of 33 new members and 7 returning members since May 1, 2011. National goal is 383.3 total members, 36.5 new members, and 328.5 members retained. The chapter has met the retention goal.

New or returning members since last meeting

Mr. James A.J. Young, TN Comptroller of the Treasury; no sponsor listed

Ms. Jean Kyoung Suh, CGFM, TN Comptroller of the Treasury; no sponsor listed

The national office is holding a contest for AGA's Annual Retention Month. The goal is to get over 50% of the members that did not pay by May 1 to pay by May 31. The chapter has 60 members that haven't yet renewed for 2012-2013 membership. When, not if, successful, the chapter name will be put into a fishbowl drawing for a chance at one of three complimentary conference registrations.

Recruitment awards will be given at the May chapter meeting.

Newsletter

Shirley announced that AGA National has requested that the chapter submit the September, November, and March issues by May 7 for the annual newsletter competition. They will pick one of those months out of a hat to be judged for the competition so everybody keep their fingers crossed. Shirley said that Penny has done a great job this year.

Program

Shirley announced that the Nashville Sounds game was a great social event with over 60 in attendance. The food was very good, the weather was perfect, and the Sounds won the game. There were even fireworks after the game courtesy of Channel 2. The chapter was announced over the loudspeaker, and they also showed the "Association of Government Accountants" on the digital board.

Website

Shirley announced that AGA National will be reviewing our chapter website during the week of May 7 as part of the national competition. Shirley offered kudos to Dan and Nathan for all of their work this year!

Chapter Meeting

The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3.

Joe Waldrum will provide the invocation. The Head Table will include Shirley Henry; Jack Henry; Ray Register, Incoming President; Amy Czerwinski, Incoming President-Elect; Kay Ulmer, Incoming Treasurer; Leigh Anne Hagar, Incoming Two-Year Director; Karen Hale, Incoming Southeastern Regional Vice President; Joe Waldrum, Incoming Two-Year Director; Dennis Dycus, Retiree to be Honored; and Melvin Jones, Jr., Immediate Past President.

Shirley went through the awards and special recognition sequence for the meeting and who would be presenting: Scholarship Recipients - Jeff Hughes; Community Service Award(s) - Tammy Fruscione; Early Career Awards - Shirley Henry; Membership Award(s) - Eugene Hampton; Membership Milestones - Shirley Henry; Member of the Year Award - Jeff Hughes; Newsletter Awards - Penny Austin; Outstanding Achievement in Government Accountability Award - Jeff Hughes; Recognition of Retirees - Shirley Henry; Star Awards - Shirley Henry; President's Awards - Shirley Henry; and PDC Drawing - Jeff Hughes.

Adjourn

Shirley said that the date for the next CEC meeting will be determined by Ray Register, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00. Shirley adjourned with the following quote for the 2011-2012 Leadership Team:

“Peak performers develop powerful mental images of the behavior that will lead to the desired results. They see in their mind’s eye the result they want and the actions leading to it.”

--Charles A. Garfield
American author

Shirley also expressed

*****MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR SERVING WITH ME THIS YEAR*****