

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2015

Submitted by Janet Stewart

The Nashville Area AGA Chapter held the 2014-2015 awards luncheon at the Double Tree Hotel on Monday, May 4, 2015.

President Michelle Earhart called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Melvin Jones, before giving the invocation, recognized all those in attendance who gave the invocation for the program year.

Michelle announced that the minutes from the last luncheon, April 6th, would soon be posted if not already. She stated that the minutes would be considered approved if no one had any changes.

Michelle introduced the individuals at the head table Cindy Hobbs, Program Co-chair; Charlotte Gentry, Membership Co-chair; Penny Austin, President-Elect; Sandra K. Brown, Treasurer; and Melvin Jones, Jr., active member.

Michelle recognized the members who had brought guests to the luncheon and each member introduced their accompanying guests. She then recognized the new members.

Michelle asked Jeff Hughes to come up and start the awards and special recognitions presentations:

Jeff Hughes, the Awards Committee Chair, presented the following awards and recognitions:

Snodgrass Scholarships: \$1,000 to Jenna Lehkamp; \$2,000 to Taylor Ellis
Ellis Scholarships: \$1,000 to Petar Angelov; \$2,000 to Rachel Stewart

Recognition of Retirees: Joe Kimery, Jan Sylvis and Jacqueline Laws

Angela McElrath-Prosser and Pamela Marks, Community Services Co-chairs, presented awards to the following:

Brent Jennings, \$25, volunteered to lead the Nashville Rescue Mission Project. Angela stated that even after he took a job out of state, he continued to fulfill his obligation by handling all the e-mails, notices and point information. He worked with Emily Gray to be the person in town to meet volunteers at the Mission.

Melvin Jones, \$25, continued to oversee the Pencil Foundation Project with a positive outlook and deep caring for the school and the students. His consistent involvement made the chapter's relationship with Alex Green Elementary School a success. Melvin gave extra to make sure the school had the supplies needed to help the students be successful.

Emily Gray, \$50, volunteered to take the first project of the year, Hands on Nashville, which was a new project for the chapter. Also, she stepped in to help Brent Jennings with the Nashville Rescue Mission Project. Emily helped with other community service projects including manning a water station at the St. Jude Music City Marathon.

Angela and Pamela presented certificates of appreciation to the following people who lead projects: Joyce Bentley, Tammy Fruscione, Emily Gray, Brent Jennings, David Lannom, Melvin Jones and Scarlet Sneed.

Charlotte Gentry, Membership Co-chair, presented the following awards:

\$100 for the member who recruited the most new members - Lou Goins

\$50 drawing from other members who sponsored at least one new member - Drew Sadler

\$45 each to members who renewed by March 31st and had 30 or more points (22 members received checks after the luncheon.)

\$25 each to - Rhonda Pedley, Robin Roberts, Jeffery Barley, Gwendolyn Shanks, and Melinda Parton, drawings from all members who renewed their membership by March 31st.

Karen Hale presented awards for newsletter submissions to two members: award for the technical article went to Lou Goins and the award for the non-technical article went to Phil McGovern.

Jeff Hughes presented the Member of the Year Award to Pamela Marks and the Outstanding Achievement Award to Gerry Boaz.

Michelle presented the President's Award to Sandra K. Brown, Treasurer. In describing her decision for choosing Sandra, Michelle stated, "I chose this officer because not only did they go beyond their assigned responsibilities that were presented to them at the beginning of the year but they also put in place a process and procedure that will benefit chapter business in years to come...we are now finally able to link all our budget, financial transactions and reconciliations for more transparent, accurate and quicker financial information."

PDT Drawing – Lisa Lynch. The alternates are Lou Goins and Emily Gray.

Michelle thanked and recognized all the CEC and committee members and photographer (with his own equipment) who served this year before starting the ceremony for the installation of the new officers and directors.

Michelle then asked the new officers to come forward: Penny Austin – President; Angela McElrath-Prosser – President –Elect; Katie Armstrong – Treasurer; Donna Jewell – Secretary; One-Year Directors – Rachele Cabading, Charlotte Gentry, Cindy Hobbs, Pamela Marks, Alicia Reynolds; Two-Year Directors – Emily Gray, Debi Moss, Anna Nickell, Michael Winston, Bridget Carver. They took the oath of office and Michelle passed the gavel to Penny Austin.

Penny Austin presented to Michelle the Past President's plaque.

Door Prize

Heather Roe won the \$25 door prize. Angela McElrath-Prosser won the free luncheon.

There was no further business and Penny declared the meeting adjourned.