

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2016

Submitted by Donna Jewell

The Nashville Area Chapter held its May meeting for 2015-16 at the Double Tree Hotel on Monday, May 9, 2016.

President Penny Austin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Melvin Jones, Jr. gave the invocation.

Penny announced that the minutes from the last luncheon are on the website and would be considered approved if no one had any changes.

Penny recognized the members who had brought guests to the luncheon and each member introduced their accompanying guests. Penny also introduced new members.

As this is our last meeting for the program year, Penny thanked the staff of the DoubleTree hotel for serving us at each luncheon this year.

Penny stated that the by-law revisions had been sent out to the membership and asked for a motion for the chapter to approve them. Pamela Marks moved that the revised by-laws be adopted. Debi Moss seconded the motion. Penny asked for those who wanted to adopt the by-laws as revised to raise their hands. She then asked that anyone who opposed the adoption of the by-laws to raise his or her hands. No hands were raised and the by-laws were adopted. Penny also thanked Michelle Earhart and that committee (Melissa Boaz, Phil Carr, Ann Collett, Michelle Earhart, Shirley Henry, and Mary Anne Queen). Based on a review of the sign-in sheets as maintained by the chapter, we did have enough members present to vote on this issue.

Karen Hale awarded 2 \$1,000 William R. Snodgrass scholarships to Angele Latham and Wade Matney. Both recipients were present and received their certificates.

Penny then announced the members who had retired. Melvin Jones, Jr. was present to receive his plaque. Melinda Parton was not present, but will receive her award at a later time.

Emily Gray and Pamela Marks awarded certificates of appreciation to the following people for their involvement in Community Service: Keevia Battle, Jack and Shirley Henry, and David Lannom.

Bridget Carver and Charlotte Gentry announced that 18 members had received 30 or more membership points and had renewed their membership by March 31st. Each of the 18 received a check of \$45. In addition, the names of the 268 members who renewed timely were placed in an envelope for a \$50 prize. Donna Jewell won that award. Finally, the names of those members who each sponsored one member were placed in an envelope for a \$100 prize. Angela McElrath-Prosser won that award.

Karen Hale awarded two prizes for the best newsletter articles. Jerry Durham and Justin P. Wilson won for their technical article, while Melvin Jones, Jr. won for his non-technical article.

Penny then honored Emily Gray as the Member of the Year and honored Rachelle Cabading with the President's Award for their participation throughout the program year.

Andrew Hawkins then conducted a drawing for an all-expense-paid trip to the Professional Development Conference in Anaheim. To be eligible for the drawing, the member had to accumulate 25 participation points. For each point above 25, an additional entry in the drawing was awarded. Four names were drawn (a winner and three alternates in the following order): David Lannom (Winner), Doreen Zientar, Melissa Lahue, and Jerry Durham (alternates).

Penny then asked the officers for the next program year to come forward to be installed. Those individuals are as follows:

President	Angela McElrath-Prosser
President-Elect	Britt Wood
Past-President	Penny Austin
Secretary	Donna Jewell
Treasurer	Eugene Hampton II
One-year Directors	Anna Nickell
	Bridget Carver
	Debi Moss
	Emily Gray
	Michael Winston
Two-year Directors	Charlotte Gentry
	Donna Nicely
	Doreen Zientar
	Keevia Battle
	Victor Nwanso

Each member was sworn in.

Penny recognized the various committees and briefly described each committee's accomplishments and thanked them for their service.

Penny then passed the gavel to Angela as the next year's president. Angela awarded Penny with a plaque in appreciation for her year of service as Chapter President.

Angela then called for announcements from the various committees.

Announcements

Community Service

Melvin Jones, Jr. announced that our partnership with Alex Green Elementary has continued for several years now. We have supported them by donating supplies, volunteering time, and cleaning the school. Melvin passed along the appreciation of the school to the chapter and announced that the end-of-year activities are approaching for the school and the chapter is invited to attend Field Day. Melvin will send out information in the near future.

Education

The next audio conference will be on May 11th and the topic is Ethics. There is still time to sign up.

Door Prize

Shirley won the \$25 door prize.

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