

AGA Chapter Executive committee Meeting October 10, 2013

Submitted by Carrie Blair, Secretary

The chapter Executive Committee for the Nashville chapter met on Thursday, October 10, 2013, in the 16th floor conference room 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; Carrie Blair, Secretary; Kay Ulmer, Treasurer; Leigh Anne Hagar, Andy Furlong, John Dunne, Chas Taplin.

Committee members present: Scarlet Sneed, Karen Hale, Melinda Crutchfield, Nathan Abbott

Call to Order

Rusty Lacy called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Agenda

Rusty passed out an agenda to everyone.

Minutes

Carrie Blair had previously distributed the draft minutes for the CEC meetings on August 1st and August 29. No one had additional corrections and Rusty motioned for the minutes to be approved, which everyone agreed to.

Reports from Officers and Committees

Immediate Past President

Ray Register stated that Kay Ulmer was completing the chapter financials and requested suggestions for someone to review them before they are submitted to National. Scarlet asked whether we should get a CPA or not and Michelle Earhart responded that it would cost most to get a qualified CPA. The reason is that before a CPA can do any type of review, they have to be a registered business or partner in a business. So unless we can get a qualified CPA that will do it for free, we would be better off to use someone else experienced in financial statements.

President-Elect

Michelle Earhart passed reports to the program areas identifying program points which she submitted to National for the first quarter. The reports also contained potential areas for earning points. She said 15 other chapters in the country got more points than we did the first quarter. She also asked for feedback if anyone saw missing points on the reports.

Secretary

Carrie Blair had nothing to report.

Treasurer

Kay Ulmer stated that the chapter bank balance was approximately \$58,000.

Accountability Outreach

Melinda Crutchfield reported for Gerry Boaz. She stated that Gerry will be on the technical program from TGFOA for March. Their committee is planning on meeting with NTAs and CTAs later this month to assist with reports. Rusty stated that the MTAS and CTAS need CPE and might be a potential membership source for us. Karen Hale stated that those certified with the CMFO (Certified Municipal Finance Officer) might also be a source since the CMFO was interchangeable with the CGFM.

Awards

Jeff Hughes was not present but had sent a communication. It stated that he was asking for National AGA Award nominations which should be sent to him no later than October 31st. And Rusty stated that currently, the Nashville chapter was working on awards for a few deserving folks.

CGFM

Jerry Durham was not present but had sent an email stating that he was working on a letter to send out concerning professional designations.

Community Service

Jacqueline Laws was not present but Jeff Hughes had communicated that donations for a Kid's Place are being accepted in Oct/Nov with a Chapter match up to \$500.

Corporate Sponsorship

Jennifer Garoutte was not present but had sent a statement that they are working with two potential sponsors.

Early Careers

Margaret Walker was not present.

Education

Chas Taplin stated that the breakfast at the Hard Rock Café was scheduled for Nov 13 and would provide 2 hours CPE, the speaker will be Nathan Abbott and Mark Crocker will be speaking on State Specific Ethics. The charge would be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Scarlet brought up the issue that sometimes sign-ups don't show up and then don't pay so a solution to that needs to be identified before the breakfast. Chas needs to have a count to the Hard Rock Café' by November 11th.

The second audio conference was the previous day. The next audio conference is October 23 - Grant's Management Reform and the third webinar is scheduled for November 20th.

He gave an update on the Winter Seminar at the Nashville State Community College - Clement Auditorium. There will be 16 – 50 minute slots and all but two are filled. Chas has held one for the sponsor - Oracle in case they want to do something. Chas stated that he proposed a price of \$125 for members and \$225 for non-members. He also suggested offering a deal of \$175 per non-member for a group of three or more. That was put to a vote and passed.

Finance

Andy Furlong stated that he and Rusty had completed the citizen centric report and it was on the website. He also stated that the tax returns need to be completed by November 15th.

Meetings and Attendance

Scarlet Sneed reported that we had 102 people were at the first luncheon, September 3rd. She said the luncheon cost us a little over \$2,900 and the Chapter covered about \$1,700 of that amount. She said we should have close to 100 people at the October luncheon.

Membership

Jennifer Whitsel was not present.

Newsletter

Karen Hale stated that the deadline for articles was October 18th and she requested submissions for members to be spotlighted.

Program

Barry Monson was not present but Rusty mentioned that they are working on a joint meeting with the ACFE and IIA for February 3 and Phil Williams will be the speaker.

Website

Nathan Abbott stated that updates have been made to the website and asked for feedback. Scarlet asked him to shut down signups for the luncheon at 1:30.

President

Rusty stated that Art Hayes will introduce the speaker for the October luncheon. Rusty also handed out copies of the proposed Nashville Chapter letterhead and the group voted to use sample 4. Michelle Earhart and Chap Taplin volunteered to sit at the head table.

Action Items –

1. Reviewer for Chapter financials needed.
2. Tax returns prepared by November 15th.

Adjourn

The next CEC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2013, and Rusty adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.