



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shay Danzy	Laurie Puckett
Sheryl Bowman	Tina Wetherford
Alisha Gamble	Amy Bennett
Dena Bosten	Angie Sorrow

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:

Linda Cook	John Hulsey
Ramona Carver	Susan Van Nus
Anna Payne	Judy Smith
Carlos Encinas	Peter Floyd
Ashlan Troutman-Webb	

CVIQG SR. EVENT COORDINATOR:

Melanie Kearns

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cindy West	Jennifer Fricks
Leslie Wilder	

CALL TO ORDER

President Shay Danzy called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2020 Budget meeting and May 15, 2020 call meeting was made by Tina Wetherford and seconded by Alisha Gamble. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Anna Payne discussed survey responses. Anna mentioned several counties such as Bibb county, Chatham county, Dougherty county, City of Conyers, and City of Wilcox all stated travel were suspended or were not going to be encouraged. Anna also noted some people had concerns about the virtual conference and a possible second wave of the virus coming sometime in October.



NEW BUSINESS

- Laurie Puckett asked if we rescheduled the conference for Chateau Elan next year, were they going to waive the previous penalty. Melanie Kearns responded we have contracts with Jekyll Island for 2021. Melanie contacted Jekyll Island and explained that we may need to cancel our contract with Chateau Elan for 2020 and move it to 2021. She confirmed Jekyll Island would be willing to work with us to move the 2021 conference in Jekyll Island to 2022, since at the time she spoke with them, they had space and room. Melanie Kearns also stated we will not know the penalty amount with Chateau Elan until we get back with them on our decision, but we will have our procurement team negotiate to a better position than what is stated in the contract.
- Linda Cook stated the safest thing budget wise is to go virtual, but she is worried about having enough attendance.
- Angie Sorrow had concerns attending the conference due to Covid-19 and believe we should really attend the conference virtual. Laurie Puckett responded there was some comments from some people who stated they did not like virtual, but felt virtual was convenient, and asked the board how they felt about attending a virtual conference. Linda Cook stated there is more opportunity to take more sessions going virtual. Ashland Troutman stated she think virtual would be the best way to go this year.
- John Hulsey stated he received notifications last week from the Department of Audit and Accounts have decided to have their annual conference will also be virtual.
- Alisha Gamble stated she was attending the GFOA conference and she enjoys the flexibility of it, and she feels we should do the virtual conference.
- Linda Cook mentioned if we go virtual, then we need to vote on the new rates for the registration fees and sponsorship rates.
- Sheryl Bowman stated she is also attending the GFOA conference and she is ok with whatever the board decides.
- John Hulsey thinks the virtual conference will need to be offered over an extended period. He feels the board should hold a meeting with a proposed agenda and time frame.



Proposed Virtual Conference

- Linda Cook shared a proposed 2020 Virtual budget on Excel. She also sent out an email to the sponsors who seemed fine with the new rates. Linda stated the keynote has agreed to reduce from \$6,000 to \$3,500. She also stated two speakers dropped out, but another speaker, Marcy Robinson agreed to do two sessions. Linda stated the entertainment for casino night has agreed to work with us in the event we need to move the conference to next year.
- John Hulsey stated we could use the Zoom platform or Zoom webinar for entertainment.
- Shay Danzy proposed a vote from the board to move the conference to virtual. All board members agreed to move the conference to virtual.
- Shay Danzy asked Linda if there were changes to the sponsorship rates due to moving the conference virtually. Linda Cook responded we could wait and vote on those rates when the board meets back up with a proposed agenda for the virtual conference.
- Anna Payne asked Melanie Kearns if Chateau Elan are not willing to reduce our penalty cost by having it there next year, then should we keep the conference in Jekyll next year to avoid possible penalties in Jekyll. Melanie Kearns responded that is the first step is to have procurement negotiate Chateau Elan and then come back to the board. Melanie Kearns feels we may get a break if we push the 2020 Chateau Elan conference to 2021.
- Anna Payne stated she will send an email to the membership regarding the virtual conference.

Webinar Contract

- John Hulsey stated the annual contract for the “Wednesday News You Can Use” is up for renewal. He stated the price is still the same at \$1,500 per webinar. He asked the board if we wanted to go to a two-year contract instead of a one-year contract for \$1,500.
- A motion to approve going to a two-year contract at \$1,500 for the webinars was made by Laurie Puckett and seconded by Dena Bosten. The motion passed unanimously.

Conference Discussion and Ideas

- Shay Danzy asked John Hulsey how the CPE credits would be tracked virtually. John Hulsey responded it will be easy to track the CPE credits by using Zoom Webinar since we would get reports of the times people have logged in and if they were there for the duration of the session.
- Shay Danzy suggest discussing any financials during our next meeting.
- Laurie Puckett stated the auditors were almost done.



ADJOURNMENT

Shay Danzy called for a motion to adjourn. Dena Bosten made the motion to adjourn and Laurie Puckett seconded it. **The motion passed** and the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.