

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alicia Page
Alisha Gamble
Chiquita Danzy

Mike Bush
Dena Bosten
John Hulsey

Diane McNabb
Arleen Samuels
Jim Pehrson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:

Rachel Bembry
Linda Cook

Tracy Arner
Karine Brooms

Anna Payne

CALL TO ORDER

President Alicia Page called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the 06/19/2015 Board Meeting was made by Mike Bush and seconded by Arleen Samuels. ***Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.***

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report given.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Update – Alicia provided an update regarding the changes that we requested – membership renewal date, etc. We won't have an addendum to the existing contract, but it will be treated as a separate project and billing. The approximate cost will be \$2,500.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Conference – Rachel Bembry provided an update about the registration and participation numbers. We have 401 attendees, 265 of which are members and 38 are new members. There are a record number of exhibitors at 50. Our sponsorship numbers are down a little; we have 20 this year. Rachel encouraged board members to mingle with the sponsors and try to gather reasons why past sponsors didn't sponsor this year. Rachel reported that we have had an increase in revenues this year, which for the first time in years will mean the conference generated a profit.

The 2016 Annual Conference will be held in Stone Mountain, Georgia, and the 2017 Annual Conference will be at the Marriott in Savannah, Georgia. The Marriott in Savannah will be undergoing some renovations before the 2017 Conference.

Rachel also introduced the incoming Conference Chair, Karine Brooms.

Alicia asked if Rachel needed any assistance with anything. Rachel reported that she thinks everything is covered, but she encouraged the Board members to thank and greet speakers. She also mentioned that it would be nice if we could attend the new member reception tonight.

Career Development – John Hulseley distributed an updated version of the Memo of Understanding for the FY 2016 Webinars. Tracy explained this is really just a formality. The University of Georgia requires this contract to be in place whenever there is a single payer. Mike asked the Board to read so we can discuss at the post conference meeting.

Tracy announced upcoming webinar topics include: transportation funding, GASB 68, MAX GOV, and uniform grant guidance. She also reported that viewings of archived webinars continue to be popular.

Communications – Nothing to report.

Government Relations – Nothing to report.

Membership – Nothing to report.

Scholarship/Awards – Linda provided the attached report and reported that we have made about \$2,200 so far with the scholarship raffle. We will have a booth selling throughout the conference.

Technical Resources – Nothing to report.

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

1st Vice President – Nothing to report.

2nd Vice President – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Nothing to report.

Secretary – Nothing to report.

Directors

Arleen Samuels – Nothing to report.

Chiquita Danzy – Nothing to report.

Historian – Nothing to report.

Past President – Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Alicia called for a motion to adjourn. Alisha Gamble made a motion to adjourn and Dena Bosten seconded it. ***The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.***



GGFOA Scholarship Committee Report

Raffle

THANKS everyone for helping sell tickets. This has been an awesome group effort! As of 10/1/15, we have raised \$1,590, \$1,000 in sponsorships and have spent \$557, so a net of \$2,033. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at the GGFOA conference. We are hoping to sell more tickets at the conference. I have prepared a master list of all the tickets so this can be reconciled with Alisha Gamble's records at the conference.

Certificate in Public Financial Management (CPFM) Scholarship

The information page and application for the new CPFM scholarship was posted on the GGFOA website early September. Anna Payne tweeted about it and Peter Floyd posted articles to Facebook and LinkedIn. The due date for applications is October 19th. We will announce this scholarship at the conference and will also have an informational handout about the scholarship at the display booth.

Annual College, Level 1 Certified FO & Conference Stipend

The deadline for the Annual College Scholarship, Level 1 Certified Finance Officer, and the Conference Stipend was August 1, 2015. We notified all applicants of the results by email. Jennifer printed some very professional award certificates and letters to give to the recipients at the conference.

Display Booth at Conference

Chiquita Danzy did a great job on the display booth. This will help get the word out about the scholarships. Since we were low on committee members to man the booth, we enlisted four of the scholarship recipients to help. Susan Van Nus came up with the idea of have the scholarship recipients wear this badge:



I'm a GGFOA Scholarship Recipient...

Ask me about it!

Jennifer prepared the informational handouts about the scholarships available with a separate handout for the new CPFM scholarship. We hope that this will spread the word about the scholarships and we will receive more applications next year.

Committee Meeting

We held a meeting in August in Putnam County. We reviewed the display booth, reviewed the informational handouts, discussed times that the display booth would need to be manned, procedures for notifying the scholarship recipients, and getting more members involved next year. We had a great lunch and fellowship time. Then Alicia instructed us on how to make changes to the scholarship page on the GGFOA website.

Goals for 2015-2016 Year

We plan to increase participation in the scholarship committee by trying to enlisting more members at the conference. We plan to increase awareness of the scholarships with the display booth, handing out the informational brochures, and keeping the website up-to-date. Another goal this year will be to develop procedures that provide basic guidelines to future scholarship committee members.