

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2014, 3:00 pm, Andrew Johnson Building, 8th Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Luvenia Butler, Chair

Tammy Golden, 2013 At-Large Rep.

Tammy Gennari, Immediate Past-Chair

Members Present via Phone:

Brigitte Tubbs-Jones, Vice Chair

Amanda Snowden, 2012 Class Rep.

Dr. Gary Peevely, UT

Members Absent:

April Anderson, 2013 Class President

Stephanie Dedmon, 2013 At-Large Rep.

Trish Holliday, DoHR Representative

Valerie Nagoshiner, 2012 Class President

Julie Johnson, 2012 Class Representative

Chris Padgett, 2013 Class Representative

Selena Cunningham, 2012 Class Vice-President

Curtis Clan, 2013 Class Representative

Patrick Ryan, At-Large Representative

Vicki Guye, At-Large Representative

Monica Middlebrooks, 2013 Class Pres.

Antonio Meeks, DoHR Representative

Chair Luvenia Butler called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.. Since we did not have a quorum, the minutes from the April meeting were not approved.

Financial Update:

Chair Luvenia Butler reported that there was no change in our finances during this month. We are also waiting on Treasurer Julie Johnson to announce our change in financial institutions, from the Credit Union to Wells Fargo.

Website and Marketing Committee:

Chair Luvenia Butler reported that Curtis Clan has made much needed updates to the website.

Newsletter Committee:

Chair Luvenia Butler stated that the newsletter committee did a great job on the newsletter. She also asked that they include an article from Trish Holliday in all future newsletters. The next newsletter will be distributed in early August.

Professional Development Committee:

Tammy Golden reviewed plans for the professional development event scheduled for May 22nd from 11:00 – 1:00. So far, 48 alumni have registered. The details of the event were reviewed. Tammy agreed

to discuss with Trish Holliday the protocol for introductions. Brigitte Tubbs-Jones agreed to bring a gift for the speaker from DoHR.

Previously we had considered having another Lunch & Learn in July with Greg Adams as our speaker. The committee decided there is not enough time to pull another event together by July, so this has been tabled.

Bylaws Committee:

The draft of the updated bylaws was distributed. The new voting section was added on page 11. Other changes were marked. We couldn't vote on the bylaws because we did not have a quorum. We discussed the need to add what the process should be to update the bylaws and what type of vote would be needed. Dr. Peevely suggested that most organizations adopt a format such as Robert's Rules of Order and asked if the steering committee had adopted something similar. We indicated that we had not, but thought it would be a good idea to state in the by-laws that, where not otherwise specified, Robert's Rules of Order would prevail. This will be discussed further and voted on once we have a quorum. Tammy Gennari agreed to make these additional changes and draft a new copy of the bylaws.

Social Networking:

The all-class Reunion will be August 27th from 6-9 p.m. at the Governor's Residence Conservation Hall. Lesley Farmer has contacted Tammy Golden to help with the invitation. However, they cannot be printed until we know the cost. That will be determined once the caterer has been selected. Chair Luvenia Butler indicated that The Mad Platter would probably be catering the event. She also stated that they were working with Frugal McDougal's on the beer and wine.

TN Government Leadership Council Update:

There was no TGLC update.

UT Football Game:

Dr. Peevely stated that he expects to have one block of 30 tickets for this event. He believes they are waiting to release the tickets until season ticket holders have claimed their seats.

Chair Luvenia Butler adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.