

# **GOLDEN WEST COUNCIL REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

Board Meeting, October 28, 2006, Ramada Inn University, Fresno, California

President Robert Hulin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Also present were Sandy Giberson, Bev Perkins, Greg Meldahl, Wesley Fachner, Linus Li, Trudia Pauley, Jeff Jones, Jacqui Anderson, Annhenrie Campbell, Mike Backer, Darrell Carlis, Sharon Nichols, Marc Light, Sue Fanady, Renee Farnsworth, and Mike Van Roy. Attending via conference call were Robert Beasley, Richard Maas, Sherry Morse, and Tricia Scalzo.

## **President's Report**

Robert set up the telephone for those who wanted to call in and attend the meeting by telephone. Introductions were made of all attendees, including conference callers. Updated agendas were handed out.

## **Secretary's Report**

Bev passed around hard copies of her minutes (minus attachments). Upon motion and second, minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mike handed out hard copies of his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He noted that we are still waiting for money from corporate sponsors of the FMN tapes. He then went over the budget. Potential cuts in budgeted expenses were suggested by those present. Upon motion and second, approval of the report was passed with one dissenting vote.

Mike reminded everyone that lunch fees of \$25 and fees for those not eating lunch but having breakfast (\$5) were to be handed in to him.

## **GWC Quarterly Report**

Robert noted that an updated report was sent to everyone yesterday. Changes to the report were in Sandy's report on Oakland-East Bay and an addition to Mike's Treasurer's Report. Robert complimented Linus on attending a Reno meeting and Sharon on visiting Santa Rosa Chapter.

Robert announced that he is still looking for a Silicon Valley Regional Director. He also informed us that Jacob Chase, from Hawaii, is moving and that Lynn Haring (President of the Hawaii Chapter) is trying to fill the vacancy.

## **Old Business**

**Council Awards:** Greg announced that Jeff from National is now gone, and Greg's committee is trying to get information from National for the last two years in order to determine retroactive winners. He also noted that the "Rekindle the Spirit" award criteria is in the process of being developed. Robert will appoint a committee in May to select the winner. Greg suggested that we consider cutting our budget in the area of banners and patches.

**Speaker Database:** Dave is on vacation and unable to attend our meeting. Wesley announced that he is not getting speaker lists from the chapters (only Sacramento responded). A Yahoo group for speakers was suggested for use by speaker recruiters. Trudia noted that her chapter needs basically topic information.

**Golden West Council Focus Items:** Robert noted that Oakland East Bay has a board of only 2, and has a meeting scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> at Jack London Square. This meeting will be supported by the Council. Gary Schlossberg from Wells Capital will be the speaker. Sherry Morse reported that the chapter is looking at fund-raisers and community service projects. Sandy was appointed to coordinate the December 7<sup>th</sup> function.

Mike Backer suggested the Council use the employment Yahoo group set up by Helen Gee. Robert asked if there was any other interest in a GWC employment group. A task force was suggested and pros and cons were discussed. Tricia Scalzo volunteered to head a task force, and Mike Backer was appointed to help her.

Jeff suggested the Council provide a VITA program and volunteered to head up a task force to research the program and hopefully get financial assistance. Sherry Morse noted that the VITA program is already active in schools, but that they need volunteers. Robert appointed Sharon Nichols and Jeff Jones to research the idea.

Attendance at chapter meetings was discussed.

**Strategic and Tactical Plan:** Robert announced that he has received a plan from Linus, and he will e-mail another request for 3-5 year and 1-year initiatives and tasks for the Council. Wesley suggested ethics speakers at Council meetings. Mike Van Roy will research the pros and cons of presenting ethics speakers at our meetings and how they can be acceptable as continuing education.

**Audit Committee:** Robert asked for questions or comments on this issue. He received no volunteers at this time, though it was agreed by several of those present that it is a good idea. The pros and cons of such a program were discussed. Robert will re-think the program for our leadership training meeting.

## **New Business**

**R.E.S.T.:** Robert noted that an e-mail went out from National regarding this event, which will be held February 22-24, 2007, and announced that the Council will be taking an active role this year. Romer Stevenson will again be publicizing the event; the Reno chapter is taking a large role as well. Robert will send us what he has.

**2007 Conference in Phoenix:** Since Dodi Monti is not at the meeting, volunteers for the conference were instructed to contact her. It was also noted that 2006 CPE was posted last week.

**Oakland East Bay:** Sandy reported on the status of Oakland East Bay chapter and asked what the Council wants to do regarding that chapter. The issue was discussed and several suggestions were made. Sherry, Sandy and Romer will be providing Council support for Donna Fay and the chapter. One suggestion was that Oakland East Bay will not have technical meetings until they regroup.

**Salinas Valley Monterey:** Re-establishing this chapter (dark for two years) was discussed. It was agreed that informal discussions would continue after the Council meeting.

### **Announcements**

Robert announced the next Presidents' conference call on November 8<sup>th</sup> (with a new person at National replacing Jeff).

Trudia and Dave are both National VP's for 2006-2008. We received a request from National for nominations for National officers.

Mike Van Roy asked for bills which need to be paid by him.

Our next meeting will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup> in San Jose at San Thomas in Hamilton. Suggestions were made for a fun side event. Marc Light, Mike and Jacqui agreed to follow-up on a Culinary Institute event and let us know.

Sherry thanked the Council for allowing them to participate by telephone.

Robert announced that the leadership training meeting will be held in Pleasanton.

### **Adjournment**

Upon motion and second, Robert adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BEVERLY PERKINS, CPA

Secretary