

# **GOLDEN WEST COUNCIL REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

Board Meeting, February 3, 2007, Culinary Institute, Campbell, California

President Robert Hulin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Sandy Giberson, Bev Perkins, Greg Meldahl, Wesley Fachner, Linus Li, Trudia Pauley, Mike Backer, Sharon Nichols, Marc Light, Mike Van Roy, Richard Maas, Sherry Morse, Dodi Monti, Dave DiMare, Sharon Piekarski, Tammy Dolberry, Robert Beasley, Greg Rose Emanuel Schwarz, Jeff Hayes, and Tricia Scalzo. Attending via conference call were Romer Stevenson and Jacqui Anderson.

## **President's Report**

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves, including conference callers. Updated agendas and quarterly reports were provided. Robert announced that everyone wishing to stay for lunch should give their money to Mike Backer.

## **Secretary's Report**

Bev made available hard copies of her minutes (minus attachments) of the October meeting. Robert noted that all Board members received minutes via e-mail. Upon motion and second, minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Bev also made available a few copies of the REST brochure for those wishing to attend but who had not yet signed up.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mike Van Roy handed out hard copies of his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He noted that there are a few items pending, but that the balance shown on the report is the balance currently in the bank. After a brief discussion, and upon motion and second, the report was approved unanimously.

## **GWC Quarterly Report**

Robert noted that an updated report was sent to everyone yesterday. He asked those present for any additional changes to the report. Mike Van Roy noted that the sponsor's check Comerica had been received. Robert will make that change to the report.

Dodi asked that the REST seminar dates for the next year be moved so it doesn't conflict with the Board Meeting.

## **Old Business**

**Council Awards:** Greg made suggestions for the awards, noting that his report is included in the GWC Quarterly Report. Awards were discussed briefly, and, upon motion and second, it was unanimously agreed to set the "Rekindle the Sprit" award at a maximum of \$100. The firm Wesley A. Fachner CPA will sponsor the award. Robert asked Greg to prepare nomination forms for this award.

**Speaker Database:** Dave announced that he will be sending requests to chapter presidents for the chapter speaker information for our database. Presidents should expect to hear from him soon.

## **Golden West Council Focus Items:**

- A) It was reported that Oakland East Bay had a very successful meeting, with approximately 65 in attendance and approximately \$800 generated for the Food Bank and Toys for Tots. Sandy reported that she has tried to contact members regarding leadership positions, but nobody had been available. At this time only Romer and Donna Fay remain on their board. Suggestions were made to get more members willing to commit their time to chapter leadership, since a minimum of 4 members is required for a viable chapter. The committee will meet again and attempt to get a board together for this chapter.
- B) Salinas Valley Monterey is not yet reactivated. The committee is working on this. It was noted that Paul Catuna has their checkbook and has moved to Phoenix. A representative from the Council needs to contact him regarding the chapter's funds.
- C) Robert announced that the strategic and tactical plan is still in draft form, and that Linus was the only person to provide him with an update. After brief discussion, upon motion and second, it was unanimously voted to adopt the strategic plan and tactical plan as presented.
- D) Tricia reported on the findings of Mike Backer and herself regarding employment assistance. Postings can be made at chapter level, GWC level, on a separate web site. Several suggestions and concerns were voiced by attendees. Tricia noted that the assumption is that all postings will be removed after 60 days. Charging fees for recruiters was discussed. Tricia will take an e-mail vote by chapters on how they want to set up the postings so everyone has buy-in on the decision.
- E) Sharon and Jeff reported that any VITA tax assistance program must be set up through IRS, including training and certifications from IRS for all preparer's taking part in the program. Sharon noted that the certification process should be started prior to the end of the year, so any program we set up at Council level should be for next year (2007 tax year). Sharon will write up the process and present it at our next meeting for use by anyone interested in getting involved in this service.
- F) Robert asked for interest in CPE to be held in conjunction with our quarterly meetings. He noted that our "fun networking activities" with quarterly meetings have not been very popular. After discussion, Robert and Mike Van Roy will draft a proposal and send it out to the Council.
- G) Robert asked for input on additional seminars like the San Francisco chapter's training. Different locations, webinars, and offline discussions were suggested. Dodi noted that GWC will be taking over the REST for next year, and adding another training event would put too great a burden on the Council members. Robert and Mike Van Roy will pursue this issue.

**2007 REST:** Romer reported that she has been working on the REST event, sending out notification to chapters via Robert's normal distribution. She suggested that a coordinator and a committee from our Council be appointed for next years REST. Mike Van Roy and Robert will set up something for the Council, and Dodi agreed to be a member of a committee.

**2007 Annual Conference:** Dodi reported that ethics will be provided during the conference for those who need it. Everything is set for now. Robert has a free registration to raffle off to lunch attendees.

**Membership Classifications:** Dave DiMare presented a report on membership classification changes suggested. He will propose keeping the associate member classification and not adding a “young professionals” membership. It was suggested that the additional classification was discriminatory and that changing the name of the current associate classification might be what is needed rather than adding a new classification.

### **New Business**

**Nominations:** Robert went through Board nominations for the coming year. He noted that we still need a new Secretary, Director of FMN, and some regional director positions. He requested e-mailed nominations from members. Sherry, Dodi and Tricia volunteered to act as Co-Directors of FMN to handle the FMN tapes for GWC next year.

**2007 Annual Conference Gift Certificate:** Members suggested that Robert award the certificate at lunch from those in attendance there.

### **Announcements**

- Robert announced the next Presidents’ conference call on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. with Stephen Shepard, Worldwide Community Relations Manager acting as the coordinator.
- The Leadership Training Conference will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton on Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton. Robert will have the program available soon.
- Attendees were reminded that there is still time to sign up for the REST and 2007 Annual Conference.
- Robert thanked Romer and Jacqui for participating in the meeting by phone.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

BEVERLY PERKINS, CPA

Secretary

Postscript to Meeting Minutes:

As a majority of the Board was at lunch and a quorum was available, the issue regarding the 2007 Annual Conference Gift Certificate was addressed. Greg Meldahl moved that the National provided Certificate for the Annual Conference be given each year to the incoming Council President. Wesley Fachner second. Motion passed.

Note - the motion doesn't address how the certificate will be used if the incoming president can't attend the annual conference. The Board will need to address if this situation occurs.

A raffle was held during lunch for a Hobby Class at PCI. Sharon Piekarski won the raffle and the Council made close to \$100 for the treasury.