

IPMA Board Minutes February 18, 2010

The IPMA-HR Greater Kansas City Chapter met on February 18, 2010, at the Mid America Regional Council (MARC) Building located in downtown Kansas City. The Board meeting immediately followed the February Chapter Program.

Board Members Present included:

Amy C. Brusven, Shana Marsh, Jan Gall, José Portuguez, Trina Duncan and Liz Crawford.

Board Members Absent included:

Lois Gartman and Karen Reed.

Amy C. Brusven called the meeting to order. She called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2010 IPMA-HR Board meeting. Shana Marsh made a motion which was seconded by Jan Gall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election and Voting for the 2010 / 11 Board Members

It was noted that if the Chapter web site is not capable of allowing members to cast their vote for the 2010/11 IPMA-HR Board that members who are unable to attend the annual Spring Conference will have the option to vote via email.

Liz Crawford stated that an email blast went out to all members to inform them of Board opportunities available. Amy stated that Annette Vaughn from Johnson County agreed to coordinate the communication to solicit nominations; Sheila Huseman from the City of Leawood will also serve on the Nominating Committee. Parties interested in serving on the Board will be required to complete a nomination form. This will allow members to become familiar with those running (professional background, prior involvement with IPMA, etc) to make an informed decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

President's Report:

Amy proposed that in an effort to improve the quality of the membership, the Chapter extend the year of planned activities and in 2011 schedule the Spring Conference in May. Shana noted that the conference has traditionally been held in April because the regional conference is typically held in June. The thought was that more members would be attend both conferences if they were not scheduled in back-to-back months. Other Board members agreed that programs in the summer may be poorly attended due to family vacations, graduations, weddings, etc.

The Board agreed that a *“Meet and Greet”* casual event held in the summer (i.e. July) would give both in-coming and out-going Board Members the opportunity to meet /network and socialize. Jan Gall agreed to check with Pam Kannady to see if the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library would be available for this type of event.

President-Elect’s Report:

Shana Marsh reported that she was working with Jose to determine/identify all new Chapter members. Shana noted that she is pulling together materials for a Spring Membership Drive. Amy suggested that members have the opportunity to renew their membership at the Spring Conference.

Past - President Report:

Lois Gartman was unable to attend this meeting.

Program Chair Report:

Jan Gall reported that based on her initial assessment evaluations from the meeting, members seemed to enjoy the social networking program. Jan also noted that the MARC building seemed to be an ideal location as attendance was up. Jan stated that she has secured some sponsorship for the breakfast and lunch for the Spring Conference. In addition, Above and Beyond will be catering the conference. Jan reminded the Board members that on March 30th at 3:30 p.m. the Board agreed to meet at the North Kansas City Community Center to go over some pre-conference preparations. The Spring Conference is scheduled for April 16, 2010.

Treasurers Report:

José Portuguese reported that the current balance of the IPMA-HR Greater KC Chapter bank account is \$16, 726.04.

Members-At-Large Report:

Nothing to report.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Liz Crawford suggested that in an effort to maintain the quality of Board Member representation, Board Members have Chapter fees waived. Liz noted that she is aware of several members who are concerned that their organization may not have the funds available to pay membership dues as a result of the challenged economy. Liz made a motion that per Article III, Section 2 in the Chapter by-laws *“...The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may waive the dues of a member in lieu of postage, supplies, services and/or materials provided to the Chapter by that member.”* Liz stated that in addition to the specific items mentioned in the by-laws, Board Members spend time preparing for meetings and running errands (picking up refreshments, going to the bank, purchasing postage and other office supplies, drafting minutes, etc.) Mileage is never turned in and (in Liz’s opinion) it made sense to allow membership dues to be waived for Board Members

actively serving the Chapter. Jose seconded the motion made by Liz. Motion approved by majority Board vote. President-Elect Shana Marsh abstained from voting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2010 immediately following the Chapter monthly program. David Sapenoff is the speaker slated for this event. Mr. Sapenoff will be speaking about union negotiations. The March meeting will be held at Shawnee Town Hall. Jan Gall reminded the Board that she would not be in attendance. Liz Crawford stated that she would also be out of town but would ensure that the room is set up properly and assign Cassie Morffi to meet the caterer and any other last minute facility details.

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Crawford, Chapter Secretary