

Subject: Georgia AWMA Board Meeting

Meeting Date: August 16, 2013 11:00 am Conference Call

Attendees: Chris Hurst, Thomas Wideman, Justine Harrison, Joan Sasine

Absent: Tiffany Johnston, Russell Kemp, Katy Forney, Doug Neeley, Heather Ceron

Old Business

- The date of October 24 was finalized for the Fall Conference. Please continue to search out and identify potential speakers. We have a few confirmations and a few requests out but need several more speakers! A Call for Speaker flyer was prepared by Justine and has been posted and sent out. A reminder of the Call for Speakers will be sent out again next week.
- Justine is coordinating speakers and the schedule. We will be allowing the scholarship winners to present during the lunch period and the key note speaker will begin at 1pm. The keynote speaker is Mr. Pedro Cherry with Georgia Power.
- The catering firm used by Georgia Power will be contacted next week to set up the fall conference event on their schedule. Chris Hurst will work on this next week.
- The conference registration will be opened up in the first week of September. The template is still on the website, so it is simply an update to this template.
- Thomas has sent out the 2013 scholarship packages to the list of Georgia university contacts. A follow-up reminder will be sent out to the same list and we would like to expand the list. If any board members have other contacts please send them along to Thomas early next week. Katy and Justine will serve on the committee.
- A report was not available from the Treasurer. No new information has been provided on completing an audit of the account(s).

New Business

- The next brown bag presentation has been scheduled for October 4th. The speaker will be from the Federal Reserve Bank and in the past has had a very good presentation which brought out a lot of attendee's.
- Chris will organize another attempt at a social gathering for the next board meeting in mid-September. This will also be extended to all members and not just board members.
- Tiffany, whom is serving as our Membership Chair, will be moving out of state for work. She has identified a replacement for the role. Mr. Brad Arnold works with her and is a current local member. Since this is not an elected position, the board members agreed to this nomination and Mr. Arnold will be asked to serve in the position for the remainder of 2013 and for the next calendar year. Both Tiffany and Chris will work with Brad to bring him up to speed. He will also be encouraged to join the International association.
- There will be a Sections and Councils national meeting scheduled for September 28 and 29th in Memphis, TN. We have been asked to attend; however, it does not appear anyone from the board can be present. There will likely be additional discussion at the International level on phasing out local members and only allowing national members. Both Georgia and Alabama have a large number of local members and it is felt this action would hurt our membership and also impact event participation with the increased fee structure to encourage national

membership. If no one from the board is able to attend, Joan Sasine has agreed to prepare a position letter on the issue to send to national organization on behalf of the local section.

- There are a couple of vacancies on the board and everyone needs to keep recruiting candidates for key positions such as young professional chair and secretary for the next election year or for filling throughout the remainder of this year.

Next Board Meeting: Open Social Networking and Gathering - Friday September 13, 2013, 5:00pm Marlow's Tavern in Midtown