



MONTGOMERY/PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY CHAPTER

Present:

Alex Dickey – President
Dennis Green – RVP
Flora Milans – Immediate Past RVP
Eric Rasmussen – Treasurer
Jeff Cole – Co-Secretary
Carla Flores - Newsletter
Corrine Dougherty – Webmaster
Yehuda Schmidt - Prgorams
Carol Ann Boothe – Education
Christine Tritsch – Early Careers, President-Elect
Rick Amrhein – Early Careers
Kathleen Sobieralski – Membership
Kevin Shapiro - Certification
Bebe Oh - Awards
Troy Hailey – Community Service
Joan Hebron – Community Service
Danielle Rosemond – Community Service
Dawn Beatty – Accountability/Outreach
Doreen Shute – Special Projects
Andrew Lewis – Historian, Immediate Past President
Grace McKitty – Historian
Kristie Green – NOVA chapter president

Cole, Jeff

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

Welcome/Opening Remarks

Alex Dickey opened the meeting with a welcome to all participants. Roll call was taken. No updates or changes were made to the Board meeting minutes. Motion for approval of September 27, 2011 minutes was first and second motioned by Troy Hailey and Kathleen Sobieralski respectively. The board approved the Board Meeting minutes unanimously. Alex asked for program updates from each area.

Community Services

Troy Hailey reported on three upcoming events. One, the scheduled October Bethesda Care event to provide lunch for the homeless has been pushed back to November 19th to give people more time to respond. Joann Hebron stated that volunteers are still needed for the event being held at the Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland. Volunteers should arrive by 9:30 a.m. to help setup and service lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. So if anyone wants to volunteer, please contact Troy, Joann or Danielle Rosemond.

Troy responded to Christine Tritsch's question that the Bethesda Care event is only being advertised through the chapter newsletter. Flora Milan suggested that Corrine Dougherty could mention the event in the next email blast for announcement of events. Corrine along with Alex agreed to the suggestion. Christine will also show the team where to find all the chapter members email addresses on the National website. In this way, the team could send out a separate email blast.



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Next, Danielle reported that chapter funds will be used to donate dinner items for thanksgiving to the area shelters as done last year. Finally, Troy stated that they are still working on the Christmas event. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Corporate Sponsorship:

Danielle reported that all the sponsorship invoices have been sent out. The chapter has received sponsorships from Clifton Gunderson, KPMG and Kearny and Company. Andrew Lewis asked Danielle to call him about dividing up the sponsorship outstanding list in order make telephone calls in addition to email notices.

Kathleen mentioned that Rose Financial is very interested in becoming a sponsor. If sponsorship information is available she will provide it to her contact. Also Andrew asked that Kathleen call him the matter. Alex stated that Terry Wilson has a friends list to increase sponsorship levels. It will be provided to the board shortly for thoughts. Also Alex asked Andrew to make initial review.

Andrew Along with Alex met with Becker last month to gage their interest as a sponsor. There were three areas discussed by Becker. One is that Becker verbally agreed to provide us a free CPE review course for us to give away to a member or as part of our scholarship application in lieu of a \$1,000 award. Secondly, Becker wants to join us as a financial sponsor as well. Andrew stated that the combination of these two areas could place Becker at a higher level sponsorship. Lastly, Becker approached about providing us with a free or discounted library of on demand training program available through Becker's educational website. This would be offered to our members at discounted annual enrollment rate so that members could earn CPE credits online. Andrew and Alex are looking for Becker to put all of this in writing for us then an update will be provided to the board. Kathleen stated that the addition of Becker as a sponsor could also help us with student recruitment. Flora had a cautionary note that as Becker moves into the Federal government training area, we should make sure that there is no conflict with National's training programs.

Early Careers:

Christine reported that there are two upcoming events. The first is joined with the DC Chapter for a mentoring event in the District on November 17th. On December 11th there will be a football event. Rick Amrhein reported that the BBQ event rescheduled for Saturday, October 22th was somewhat disappointing compared to last year. Out of the approximately 25 persons in total seven members were from our chapter which was pretty good showing by comparison. Unfortunately the hurricane got in the way of a more promising event.

Tickets were purchased for an NBA game in February 2012 with a full refund available if the season is canceled.

Membership:

Kathleen Sobieralski reported that two new members have joined the chapter but year to date we have twenty two new members which includes two students and seven early career persons. Kathleen reiterated that having Becker as a sponsor will help student member recruitment and Alex agrees.

Corrine mentioned that a copy of the chapter flyer from two years ago was sent to Kathleen that can be updated and used as a recruiting tool. Alex mentioned that Kathleen should check with National about getting brochures for distribution. Kathleen will give an update on the flyer at the next board meeting.



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CGFM:

Kevin Shapiro reported making progress with the CGFM training through our newsletter promotion. He reached out to National and obtained some information to develop a brief CGFM presentation that he wants to present at a dinner meeting in 2012. He also has some brochures from National that will be made available at the registration table during upcoming dinner meeting.

Kevin initiated discussions with Health and Human Services program support center to see if they are interested in hosting a spring training session. The feedback so far has been positive and he is putting more information together for the CFO to review. In addition some of our chapter members have volunteered to be CGFM instructors.

Lastly, Kevin is requesting from the membership any CGFM study guides that they would like to donate to the chapter for a library of study guides for members who are studying for the exam. Also, Kevin was thinking as to how Becker could help with the CGFM training as an instructor. Alex advised based on Flora's earlier caution that we may need to check with National about Becker and CGFM. Flora mentioned that National does not offer a CGFM review currently so there should be no conflict and Dennis Green confirmed this as well.

Kathleen has two ideas she wanted to discuss. At the PDC, she attended the AGA international roundtable where they want to reach out to Japan, the Philippines and the western pacific area. Secondly, Kathleen will provide Alex with a draft thank you letter from UMBC on the support by AGA for the three federal financial management courses being offered in the spring.

Carla Flores mentioned that March is National CGFM month so it would be a good time to make the presentation at that dinner meeting.

Outreach/Accountability

Dawn Beatty reports that as anticipated, it has difficult to get registrations for the Citizen-centric Reporting (CCR) contest that Early Careers and Accountability are coordinating. There are no entries to date. Dawn said she will work on the (CCR) for the chapter and it will done regardless whether we have any teams for the contest. She will get a draft around to members for thoughts.

Meeting/ Programs:

Yehuda Schmidt reported that things are going alright. He needs to confirm the speaker for Cloud Computing and is working on another speaker. Since NOVA is heading this event, Christine is waiting to provide a link to NOVA for the registration. Kristie Green stated that link will be provided soon.

Jimmy Hauer reported that the new online registration system when smoothly. Corrine and Jimmy suggested closing registration on Monday by 5 pm. prior to the dinner meetings since this causes a disruption with the hotel accommodations. Normally walk-ins are accepted. Clause in hotel contract allows for three days advance notice on guest count. One suggestion is to use a 10% allowance for the count. Andrew Lewis suggested reaching out to the walk-ins to register in advance. Alex said that it's a good idea and asked Jimmy to reach out to the regular walk-ins or late registrars a week in advance.

Education/Workshops:

Carol Ann Boothe reported that the workshop will be held on Thursday, December 8th at the UM Shadygrove location with the speakers all confirmed. The registration is live and the same as before.



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Website

Corrine is ok with the registration link and will be sending out the newsletter. The switch 123signup.com website is complete and running well. The previous vendor was dropped and checks are being received according to Eric Rasmussen. Flora acknowledged NOVA for their help and support with the new vendor.

Awards

Bebe reported that the National level awards deadline was extended to November 18th but unfortunately we have not received any proposals for nominations of the awards. Bebe offered that we may want to support two of the DC chapter nominations as a group since they are also members of the MPG chapter.

Since no one disagreed with this suggestion Alex stated that we should support the DC chapter nominees.

Budget/Financials

Eric Rasmussen reported that we are within budget in each area. We have received revenues from some of the sponsors which bring our cash balance up. The September financial statements are already issued and the October financial statements will be issued by the 15th of November.

Expenditure activity is picking up for September. The dinner meeting was Lower attendees of 26 vs. 37 for last year which lowers this cost year by \$400. Eric sent out an email before this board meeting on guidance for information needed for reimbursement request.

Closing Comments:

Alex ended the meeting by encouraging everyone to keep up the good work, thanking all who participated and hopes to see everyone at the upcoming events. The next meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on November 29th at the Ambrosia Grill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm