

2010/2011 ExComm, meeting held June 19, 2011 at Wingate Hotel

Present: Sylvia Zadorozny, Thomas Thomas, Kathy Crum, Ronan Heffernan, Barbara Loewe, Eloise Hurst, Melissa Stephens

Absent: Erica Rogers

Officer: Jay Johnson

Guests: Suzanne Skeel, Kyle Lai, Kathy MacDonald

Meeting called to order 11:15am.

Minutes:

Motion: To accept the Minutes as sent to all members prior to this meeting. BL, 2nd KC.

Approved.

Reports:

Scribe: The draft of the Minutes was sent to all members last week for edits, corrections and the final was sent to all members 3-days prior to this meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were sent to the Webmaster for inclusion on the website.

Treasurer:

KC: The most obvious change on Treasurer Report is the RG 2011 net profit of \$1,020.60 with all expenses included. The extra \$700 is from higher National support. We have more members as well. We are always a few months behind on Proctor reimbursement and it is bundled, we received double reimbursement. Expenses were lower than expected. Printing is where we expected but postage is lower, July issue is included. We still have expenses for 3 more socials coming up. Cash flows are the same. Account Balances are about \$1700 overall. (report sent separately)

Proctor Coordinator:

TT: We had 18 new prospects on the list, none are coming off. Fran has a test scheduled for July 7. I want to schedule one in downtown Tampa for July.

Scholarship:

SZ: Theresa is not here. We have a winner. We need to appoint a new Chair per National.

GCC:

MS: Fossil digs are on hold. That location is not the draw it initially was.

Publicity:

MS: No report.

SZ: We did put out publicity for this LDW and we got 23 people, many from other groups.

Programs:

MS: No report.

Calendar:

EH: Everything is up to date. I am resigning as Calendar Editor.

Editor:

RH: Newsletter is on track.

Webmaster:

RH: Our RG continues to get hits.

Discussion: Put on a capture, how will it affect members?

SZ: Until we actually have an RG we can just shut it down.

New Members:

RH: I sent 8 welcome packets; 3 new, 5 move-ins. Some have not changed their phone numbers yet. A packet is a handbook, welcome letter, and the latest newsletter.

Circulation:

TT: We are up to 35 receiving electronic delivery. The default comes up in September. Our circulation is 530 though we have 680 members as of today — an overall uptrend.

Deputy LocSec:

TT: I have not had any deputy duties but I have been busy working on circulation, proctor coordination, RG, and other programs.

LocSec:

SZ: We just had a successful LDW with 23 people attending. Initial feedback was positive. I hope it will direct us for the future. We will lead and not just manage. We had presentations by members of the committee. I have been writing my column.

MaL:

BL: No report.

Committees:

RG:

TT: It appears to have gone well. We had a smaller turnout than we hoped. The speaker program with mainly our members was the best I have seen in years, and the best at any region 10 RG. Dave Dockery did a presentation on the coming singularity, the future of technology and human interaction. There was also bee-keeping and other topics. All speaker events were well-attended. The dining area worked well for the presentations. The balloon man was very entertaining and inspiring. This was an RG where the kids were active and able to participate in the programs and they had a great time. We made a profit on this RG.

SMWDTWS: (Secret Mensa World-Domination Techniques Work-Shop, or LDW)

SZ: I talked about this earlier.

By-Laws:

TT: Nothing to report.

RH: We have suspended meetings until we know something is coming out of National.

Summer Social:

ER: See attached.

Annual Meeting:

SZ: We will have the Annual Meeting after the Summer Social. The Social is scheduled, we have a place and it will be announced in *Sounding*.

Picnic:

RH: I have not made a reservation, it will probably at War Memorial Veteran's Park in St. Pete. We had one there before.

Old Business:

Bay Sounding Magazine:

TT: I spoke to Mel, he said nothing to be done — we won't call attention to ourselves, they won't call attention to themselves, neither is high profile. They have been around since 2002, we were earlier and we have preference. It is quarterly, Tampa Bay Waste Management Water District.

Mel said if we really feel strongly about it we could refer it to the corporate lawyers that Mensa has on retainer. That might cost us money and I don't know if we feel that strongly about it. Bottom line, Mel said we are ok, and I tend to go with him.

New Business:

Excused Absence:

Because Erica Rogers notified the board at the last meeting that she would be unable to attend due to family responsibilities, this absence is excused.

SZ: We will have a recess, and then reconvene to receive the ballot count.

Motion: To adjourn. BL, EH 2nd. Passed.

Meeting adjourned 11:49am

Election Results:

JJ: As Chair of the Election Committee along with Kyle Lai and Jim Perry, with 23 ballots cast we report the following results of the TBM June, 2011 Election, in descending order:

J. Ronan Heffernan	21
Arthur Schwartz	20
Erica Rogers	18
Thomas Thomas	18
Barbara Loewe	15
Write-Ins	
Kyle Lai	7
Dan Chesnut	2
Don Davis	2
Ann Kaufman	1
Don Robinson	1
Jim Stillman	1
Sylvia Zadorozny	1

SZ: I accept the Election Committee Report

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Meeting called to order 4:02pm

Present: Sylvia Zadorozny, Thomas Thomas, Kathy Crum, Barbara Loewe, Art Schwartz, Ronan Heffernan, Melissa Stephens

Absent: Erica Rogers, Kyle Lai

Officers: Jay Johnson

Guest: Terry Wolf

Appoint Officers:

SZ: In order to have this meeting recorded, I nominate Jay Johnson as Scribe.

Jay Johnson accepts position of Scribe.

Kyle Lai has been elected to the Board and he is not here. (Melissa will call him.) If we are not able to contact him in one week we will go to the next on the list. There are two with the same number of votes. (discussion) We will toss a coin and the winner of the toss shall be invited to join the Board. If that person rejects the offer the person who lost the toss will be invited. If still no one accepts, we will proceed down the line until we find one who accepts. As a reminder, this last position is for one year only because it is a fill-position for a member who resigned.

LocSec:

Nominated: Thomas Thomas, Ronan Heffernan, Sylvia Zadorozny. RH and SZ decline. TT accepts position of LocSec.

Deputy LocSec:

Nominated: Sylvia Zadorozny. SZ accepts position of Deputy LocSec.

Treasurer:

Nominated: Kathy Crum, Sylvia Zadorozny. Discussion. Kathy Crum accepts position of Treasurer.

Editor:

Nominated: Ronan Heffernan, Sylvia Zadorozny. SZ declines. RH accepts position of Editor.

Webmaster:

Nominated: Ronan Heffernan. RH accepts position of Webmaster.

Assistant Webmaster: Art Schwartz accepts position of Assistant Webmaster. He will be added to list of moderators along with TT, KC, Maxine Kushner.

(note: Dana Groulx transferred her ownership of Yahoo! Groups to Webmaster)

Testing Coordinator:

TT: They have changed the title at the National level. I approve because candidates do not care if it is a Testing or Proctor Coordinator who contacts them. I am holding that position but would like to turn it over to another. Sylvia, Jay and Terry are the only other ones qualified.

Nominated: Thomas Thomas. TT accepts the position of Testing Coordinator.

Scholarship:

Nominated: Theresa Shadrick. TS will be notified of her nomination.

GCC:

Nominated: Theresa Shadrick. TS will be notified of her nomination.

Co-GCC:

Nominated: Melissa Stephens. MS accepts position of Co-GCC.

Publicity Coordinator:

Nominated: Erica Rogers. ER will be notified of her nomination.

Programs Coordinator:

Nominated: Melissa Stephens. MS accepts position of Programs Coordinator.

Assistant Programs Coordinator:

Nominated: Art Schwartz. AS accepts position of Assistant Programs Coordinator.

Calendar Editor:

Nominated: Sylvia Zadorozny. SZ accepts position of Calendar Editor.

Membership:

Nominated: Erica Rogers. ER will be notified of her nomination.

Circulation:

TT: description of the job

Nominated: Art Schwartz. AS accepts position as Circulation Officer.

Assistant Circulation Officer:

Nominated: Sylvia Zadorozny. SZ accepts position of Assistant Circulation Officer.

Ombudsman:

Discussion, description of the job, National.

Nominated: Eloise Hurst. EH accepts the position of Ombudsman.

SIGHT:

TT: description of job

Nominated: Susie Anderson. SA will be notified of her nomination.

Publisher:

Nominated: Les Milewski. LM will be notified of his nomination.

Election Committee:

Terry Wolf, Eloise Hurst with Jay Johnson as Chair. (Jay thanks Eloise for setting up the templates which we use.)

Auditor:

Dan Chesnut will be notified of the responsibility.

Proofreader:

Sylvia Zadorozny, Thomas Thomas and Jay Johnson are Proofreaders.

Old Business:

Retreat:

SZ: With the new ExComm we want to talk about our goals for next year, assure we are all on the same page, and build excitement towards those goals so we can achieve them.

The current committee is: MS, SZ, BL. AS joins.

Discussion: Where to hold it, how long should it be, purposes of retreat and of committee. No new meeting date was set.

New Business:

TT: We need a new stapler. We have two, one of which doesn't work. Ronan found one on Amazon for \$419.

Discussion: Use our funds or petition RVC? Dollar limit? Do outside of ExComm? What are RVC funds used for?

Motion: That the ExComm affirms the purchase of a stapler for a price of approximately \$450 for which we may approach National for reimbursement. The person authorized to make the purchase is our Circulation Officer. If there is a product that is substantially better than the stapler we are considering he is encouraged to bring it to the ExComm by email for discussion.

Change up to \$500. BL, 2nd SZ.

Discussion: Used? Warrantee?

Vote: Passed. Circulation Officer is authorized to shop for a new or used stapler with the option to either purchase it within the scope of the motion, or to bring choices to ExComm via email.

Funding for Ruby Agnir's Chorus:

SZ: Ruby Agnir wants to start a chorus. Some people have shown up. She said that given events held at people's homes we have a \$2 reimbursement she should be eligible. This was not a home, this was an outside location, and she wants to give money to the piano accompaniment. She did not provide refreshments. She wants us to provide funds instead of a kitty reimbursement. She was out money and wants to know if she can get reimbursed for having an event.

BL: I suggest we form a committee to explore how we want to treat this kind of event, then bring it back to ExComm.

Discussion: A regular thing? How many people? Her costs? Some of us are always out because we have events which do not fall within the reimbursement criterion. Not restricted to members? Brought up ahead of time for advanced authorization? Considered case-by-case?

Per By-laws: Allow Program Officer for small allocations of \$25 or less. Anything larger must get authorization. Every officer is supposed to be told what their budget is.

Discussion: Table to next ExComm Meeting? She was told she had to wait for the Next ExComm for an answer. We authorize prior expense with caution for amount? Authorize \$2/person, with caution we will not do it again? GCC Bagels on the Beach is different. Budget for Officers? Other out-of-home events? Includes guests? Use formula? Limits?

Motion: That we give Ruby Agnir reimbursement for \$18 on a one-time basis for the chorale event held May 2011. MS, 2nd SZ. Passed.

Lapsed-Member Mailing:

TT: We get 50¢ per contact. We have labels for all who don't have a phone if we want to use them, or email. We are talking 89 people.

Discussion: How communication should look. Include what? Who figures it out? Deadline? Work with Erica since she is Membership. What did we do in the past? Who is return on mail?

TT: We have to make it local because National is already sending stuff out.

AS will work with MS and ER to generate a letter.

Winter Social:

Appoint SZ as Director of Winter Social.

New Business:

Editorial Board:

SZ: Do we want to have an Editorial Board?

TT: A board would accept the responsibility of making decisions regarding a submission if the Editor doesn't want to own the decision as to whether something should go in, and why. We already have a policy but it is open to interpretation and the Editor needs backup. As Editor, RH will have carte blanche, and as always the ExComm can be called in. But if he is on the borderline of something that is over the top and he doesn't want to step on someone's freedom of speech, this would be the Board to make that decision.

The Editorial Board will consist of: Jay Johnson, Art Schwartz, Melissa Stephens.

Recruitment Day at USF:

AS: Submit a proposal to National that they offer free testing and/or free 1-year membership as an enticement to get members to join.

TT: I would rather talk to Mel about it first. He is going to have to bring it up.

AS: As a pilot program, this might be a good idea. The only way to know is to try it. If we can tell kids they can take the test for free...

BL: And other community colleges.

Discussion: Great idea. Get kids to take the test while they have no money. National is incenting us, but not candidates. If they don't put up the money, they don't value it as much.

AS will write up the proposal.

Discussion: Scholarships for members who are hard workers but can't afford to re-up their membership. Special allotment? Case-by-case? Needs-based? No guidelines. As needed or every year? Is our Scholarship money wasted? Go to a TBM going back to school? Sponsorship or scholarship?

Needs future discussion.

Next ExComm:

Discussion: Have ExComm after Annual Meeting? No.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 20, 2:00pm at home of Thomas Thomas.

Motion: To adjourn. SZ, 2nd KC.

Meeting adjourned 6:22pm

Scribe note: Dan Chesnut will perform the Audit. Theresa Shadrick accepts positions of Scholarship Chair, and as GCC. Kyle Lai declined the seat on the Board. Dan Chesnut accepts the seat on the Board.

Scribe note: Location of next ExComm Meeting was changed from the home of TT to that of SZ..