



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

December 8, 2012 :: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Mitchell's Fish Market in the Waterfront :: Homestead, PA

Executive Board Present: Brian Steinmetz, *President*, Eve Wider, *President-Elect*, Deb Martin, *Secretary*, Carolyn Biglow, *Treasurer*, Mary Strife, *Director*

Committee Members Present: Lynn Berard, *Partnering & Community Relations*, Denise Callihan, *Partnering & Community Relations*, and Marge Rhodes, *Awards*.

Additional Members Present: Renae Baldovski, Alice Bright, Jennie Crowley, Leslie Eibl, Chris Heil, Ange Pollis, Emily Stephens, Barb Spiegelman, and Bob Sullivan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Brian Steinmetz brought the meeting to order at 1:13 PM.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was e-mailed on December 6 and distributed at the meeting. It was approved without changes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the December 2011 business meeting were e-mailed on December 6. They were approved without changes.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: (Carolyn Biglow)

Carolyn Biglow reported that she is awaiting information from HQ to complete the report. This year's \$475 total income includes an anonymous donation of \$100. We have slightly more than \$1,400; \$8,025 last pooled stmt. Our total is slightly over \$10,000. As soon as the allotment is received from HQ, the reports will be finalized, submitted, and distributed to the board.

Some discussion followed regarding communication with HQ. Denise Callihan suggested adding another person to assist the treasurer in following up with HQ.

VI. COMMITTEE TEAM REPORTS

Awards (Marge Rhodes)

Awards presentation to follow the business portion of the meeting

Bulletin (Amy Raimondi)

The 2012 *Confluence* issues were published in April and August. The third issue will be available by the end of December. There will be a new column for next year.

Website (Rachel Callison) *No updates reported.*

Employment (Karen Liljequist) *No updates reported.*

Directors (Mary Strife / Rachel Callison) *No updates reported.*

Membership (Amy Watson) *No updates reported.*

Partnering & Community Relations Team (Lynn Berard / Denise Callihan)

Mentoring, Networking & Consultation

Two events were held in 2012. The first, an *eBook Panel Discussion*, was held on May 16, 2012. 32 people attended the session. The second event, *Build your Own Box*, a Panel Discussion on Alternative & Non-Traditional careers for MLS Professionals, was held on November 15, 2012. Panelists provided advice using their own “non-traditional” experiences. 36 people attended the session. Based on a request to record the session from a Clarion student, Lynn Berard recorded and posted the event to YouTube. Denise Callihan was presented with SLA’s Rose L. Vormelker Award at the 2012 Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Student Relations (Eve Wider)

Eve Wider reported the University of Pittsburgh student group (SLAPSG) is strong. They are attending chapter events as well as having their own events. Clarion group is also doing well and attended the Children’s Hospital tour. Overall, student communication is improving.

Programming / Events (Eve Wider)

Eve Wider reviewed the past year’s events: the Occupy Wall Street Library presentation, The Porch happy hour with students / mentoring, e-Books session, tour of Children’s Hospital coupled with choice of Indian and Mexican restaurants, and *Build Your Own Box* event at CMU.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2013 Officers (Denise Callihan)

Denise presented the slate for office of 2013/2014. There were no additional nominees for these positions. A vote was called to present the slate and there were no dissenting votes, all were in favor and the slate was passed. Margarete Bower, Leslie Eibl, and Barb Spiegelman were elected to the offices of president-elect, secretary, and director, respectively.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements to report.

XI. ADJOURMENT

The official business meeting was adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Following the business meeting, Brian Steinmetz and Eve Wider delivered their President and President-Elect messages, respectively. Marge Rhodes presented the chapter awards. Rachel Callison received the Catalyst Award and Eve Wider received the Leadership Award. Marge announced she is resigning as awards chair and will help during the transition.