

AGA Board meeting January 2nd, 2004

Time: 9:00 PM EST

Location: Teleconference

Call to Order 9:03 pm

Roll call:

Jon Boley

Willard Haynes

Jeff Shaevel

David Weimer

Bill Cobb

Alan Abramson

Harold Lloyd

Steve Stringfellow

DeeDee Eckles

Susan Weir

1. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- none

2. Tacoma Go Congress Report

-Steve Stringfellow: E-mail has been sent out to the board with budget and site issues

Tacoma club proposes to host the 2005 Congress. The best site is Lutheran University. Dorms are modest. Unlimited single rooms and some apartments. no A/C except playing sites, but weather usually OK. Campus is dry, but there are bars a block offsite. Is nonprofit, doesn't allow any vendors on site unless they donate half their profits to a charity (AGF?). Probably around Houston prices. Steve would like to do a reduced rate for college students, \$50 playing fee. Tentative date: August 6 - 14, 2005. The board directs Steve will go ahead and try to pin down dates and details with the College.

3. Items for Decision

a. Minutes from 12-18 meeting

-people haven't had a chance to read them, we'll wait to approve them at the next meeting

- please e-mail Susan any corrections meanwhile

b. Appointments

nominations for leadership committee:

-Jon: suggests 7 people total on the committee

- Alan suggests we put out a call for self- nominations for the committee
- nominated were: Steve Burrall, Ernest Brown ,Bob Barber, Duane Burns, Robert Cordingly, Eric Wainwright,Sam Zimmerman, None Redmond.
- Board will table appointments until a procedure is drawn up after this meeting to put out the call to the chapters for self-nominations..

c. Motion (submitted by David Weimer/Harold Lloyd)

Whereas, the previous Board decision to replace Chris Kirschner with Deedee Eckles as President of the AGA was made without proper consideration;

Whereas, Deedee Eckles stepped forward in a very difficult situation;

Whereas, presidential terms should be stipulated for the health of the organization;

Be it so moved that Deedee Eckles be thanked for her help in this trying situation and that Chris Kirschner be reinstated as President of the AGA with a Term lasting until June 1, 2004.

Discussion:

- one member commented on receiving e-mail about the “without proper consideration” clause. Can we massage this some? Others support the current wording, noting that three board members had no input whatsoever. Stating that the process was improper, all the petition signers also believed this, the recall petitioners thought it was improper.

VOTE:

passes unanimously

d. Motion (submitted by David Weimer/Harold Lloyd)

Whereas, the AGA will require a new President as of June 1, 2004;

Be it so moved that the Leadership Development Committee be directed to seek suitable candidates for the position of president and to present recommendations to the Board no later than March 31, 2004 or requests extension of time from the board.

Discussion:

- the March 31 date might be too tight, amended as above.
- It would be good to have formal charters for these committees so they understand what they're about? (this will pass this along to the president)
- all committees could be listed on the web site, along with their members and charters.
- all members of standing committees must be appointed by the board. so this would be the first standing committee. What if we want to consider someone for president that's already on the committee?
- we should appoint a chair who would not be a candidate

VOTE:

passes unanimously

e. Election of Chair

Alan Abramson: elected unanimously

4. Items for discussion

a. Board Retreat:

Discussion:

- there's been some prior discussion, favorable, to do a weekend. Costs of doing outside of Congress? \$3000 if in Chicago before Congress.
 - several members suggest a retreat sooner than Congress, as soon as possible.
 - other members felt uncomfortable with the AGA paying for the retreat, other felt it would send a message to the membership that the crises from last fall has been taken seriously. It was agreed that the board needs a budget for itself, which it does not currently have, in order to be able to make such a decision as to have a training weekend.
 - The board discussed calling up chapter leaders, see what their reactions are before moving forward.
The board will send out e-mails and ask the chapter heads these questions: Should we have this retreat? Would you agree to AGA support for \$5000 in cost? What would you like to result from it?
- Susan: Corty Cammann, a facilitator for training like the one envisioned, has said he would be willing to facilitate for \$500 per day plus travel expense, would include prior phone calls to everyone to get himself up to speed.
There was mixed feelings about having a facilitator

Other Discussion:

- There are profiles of some board members on the web site, do we all want to do them? I think it should be biographies, not campaign issues. It was decided that everyone should put what they are comfortable with.
 - the question was raised: are we actively looking for people in VP positions that are empty?
 - Answer: yes! If you know of any, please send their names in to the president, along with as much information as possible. Chris was working on it, but we often need to actively recruit folks, it has been a time consuming process.
 - The board appoints the President, Treasurer, Secretary, but should defer to President for various VP recommendations and appointments.
- Finally it was agreed to add a word of appreciation for Deedee for her work and to Chris for stepping back in.

5. Adjournment: 10:10 pm.