

SUMMER STATE ALUMNI OFFICER MEETING
July 12th 2008
5:00 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

- review progress of duties from after state convention:
 - thank you notes for silent auction – Fred
 - thank you notes for career show- Anita
 - Tufts check from career show has arrived
 - Invoice request sent for meal tickets – Michele

- invoice request sent for National Convention room – Michele

- proposal to state officer team for sales of items at conferences – Michele (who is selling at COLT?)

- letters to retiring state officers to offer 1 year membership - Michele

- Foundation meeting:
 - has there been confirmation on the time and location?
 - Jen, Lori, Fred – official reps, Michele & Lynn also attending
 - items to bring forth for discussion:
 - state degree chains
 - sponsorship of American Degree candidates
 - sponsorship of National Officer candidate
 - sponsorship of ILSSO
 - National Convention scholarship
 - Opening & Closing Ceremonies CDE – can't assume sponsorship

- committees
 - we could determine at the beginning of the year which committees should meet at which monthly meetings and post this info with the list of meeting dates
 - we will need to list these new committees in the proposed constitutional changes, thus we will not start officially with this until after the annual meeting

- annual meeting decision

- review of constitutional changes

- officer liability insurance

NEW BUSINESS

- fundraising to support following programs:
 - college scholarship
 - national convention scholarship
 - WLC advisor scholarship
 - increased funds for grant program

- packet to go out to all chapters by Sept 1 to include:
 - constitutional changes being proposed
 - form for chapters to propose constitutional changes
 - local affiliate officer contact info sheet
 - project grant application (revisions needed to application? \$1,200 limit)
 - SLC application
 - list of dates for next year's meetings with invitation to host one (along with guidelines for jacket incentive program)
 - state alumni officer chapter assignments
 - annual meeting registration form
 - **some kind of sticker/statement/bright envelope to bring attention that the envelope includes important information

- email lists from this year's meetings

- website development



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Call to Order: Jen Plasky 7:30pm

Members In Attendance: Jen Plasky, Fred Scoville, Donna Corbin Sobinski, Lori Longhi, Michele Longhi, Lynn Scoville, Hilda Kapral, Anita Kalenauskas

Members Absent: Cheryl Matheson, Mark Burdick

Approval of Minutes: June 17, 2008 minutes distributed – no changes

Old Business:

Review progress of duties from after state convention:

- thank you notes for silent auction – Fred almost complete
- thank you notes for career show- Anita Completed
- Tufts check from career show has arrived - Completed
- Invoice request sent for meal tickets & -letters to retiring state officers to offer 1 year membership & -Invoice request sent for meal tickets – Michele – will send email to Milton – need addresses of past officers & American Degree recipients and invoice for meal tickets

Foundation Meeting:

Foundation meeting will be held 7/22/2008 9:00am – 1:00pm at Suffield Regional
Lori, Fred & Hilda will attend as voting members for the Alumni – others can attend
Items to bring forward and discuss:

American Degree, State Chains, Sponsorship of American Degree candidates & National Officer candidate, also ILSSO (International Leadership Seminar State Officers), National Convention Scholarship, Opening & Closing Ceremonies CDE
Would like to see budget and accountability of funds, suggest audit of accounting records, communication needs to be better

Officer Liability:

Lori Longhi reported the application has been received she will fax a copy to Jen.
Recommended by CPD coverage \$500,000
Tax return is completed

Sale Items at COLT:

Proposal to state officer team for sales of items at conferences – Michele will send letter
Who is selling at COLT 8/18/2008 ? – Lori Longhi

Items are missing from last sale, Hilda believes she has them and will bring to foundation meeting for Lori. Michele has an inventory of all items with costs etc. Hilda will make frames to sell as she did for the State Convention. We will use what we have to sell, no need to purchase more items at this time. We need to have an area to store the items between events. Suggestion to see if “squish” balls are available at National Convention Jen & Anita can purchase – these are inexpensive and a good item to sell.



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Committees:

We will use the five functional groups from the POA (Program of Study)

Designate when item needs to be discussed and assign it to a meeting

VP will be responsible to organize the discussion (discussion will be 1/2 hour prior to regular meeting)

We will continue discussions at the September meeting; we also need to list in the Constitution

Annual Meeting:

Rose Berry in Glastonbury -Lori has talked with the people but has a conflict of interest due to work – if we want to continue and hold the meeting here she will need to have someone else organize the meeting and make arrangements

They have offered Hayrides – \$8 adult; \$6 child; minimum \$200

Pancake/waffle breakfast \$4-5 per person Beverages approximately \$2.00

See if we can get a buffet style quote

Possibly November 1, 2008 – Saturday

Also have night hayrides & bonfire Approximately 50-75 people

11:00am for breakfast – would need meeting room – eat first then hold meeting

Fred Scoville motioned to accept Rose Berry Farm if under \$20.00 per person and date is available, Lynn Scoville 2nd, vote taken, motion passes.

Constitutional Changes:

Fred Scoville will email changes discussed at prior meetings; needs to be mailed to all Alumni prior to annual meeting

Michele Longhi will send roster and dues paid to date prior to annual meeting; this will be used for voting purposes

New Business:

Fundraising to Support Programs

Suggestions: Send donor request to Lifetime members including note on what we are doing, and also see if they want to volunteer

Hilda Kapral motioned to allow monies be spent for postage for donor appeal to lifetime members, 2nd by Anita Kalenauskas, vote taken, motion passes.

Michele Longhi will draft the letter/appeal

Donna Corbin Sobinski will do the mailing

State Convention Auction

Not as many bushes, trees as previous years, and did not bring in large bids

Transportation of items could have been a problem, also the economy



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Packets to Chapters:

Project Grant: Applicants – supply different levels of support

Jen will distribute information at Colt: Michele Longhi will create packets

Constitutional changes being proposed

- form for chapters to propose constitutional changes – Fred will create form
- local affiliate officer contact info sheet – will send to Donna
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Fred Scoville & Lori Longhi will mail packets when available – Jen will forward information – must be mailed by the end of August

Jackets

Should we up the incentive?

Only four points can be earned at hosting chapter

Active affiliates can earn two jackets total in a year

Non-active chapters can earn 1 jacket in a year

Hilda Kapral motioned to accept the above changes, 2nd by Lori Longhi, vote taken, motion passes. Changes effective at annual meeting

Website Development

Michele Longhi will check into Costco websites

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm