

TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2010

Committee Members:

Present: Jon Zirkle – Chairman  
E. Ross White – Vice Chairman  
Lauren Hill – Past Chairman  
Chris Harris – Member at Large  
Georganne Martin – Member at Large  
Marilou Cook – Member at Large  
Phyllis Hodges – Member at Large  
Mehran Mostijir – 2009 Class President  
Julie Lamb – 2009 Steering Committee Member  
Vojin Janjic – 2008 Steering Committee Member

Excused Absent:

Trish pulley – Ex Officio  
Carolyn Estep – 2008 Steering Committee Member

Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Zirkle at 2:35 p.m. The meeting was held in the James K. Polk Building, 12<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

Treasurer Report:

Marilou Cook reported that the TGMI account balance is \$1,400. \$20 was deposited on 12/16 and was the last of the holiday breakfast payments. Everyone that signed up for the holiday breakfast has paid. We have 2 outstanding checks: One to the Duncan's for a cake and the Chairman's trophy which comes to approximately \$140 and one to the caterer as a gratuity for \$100.

Jon Zirkle handed out the 2010 Steering Committee information books and reviewed each section with the members. There is a single page in the front pocket of the book that list all the branded merchandise in inventory listed and the quantity. Currently, the items are stored at the Department of Human Resources. As events occur over the next few years, the Steering Committee can vote to distribute some of these items. No more items will be ordered, because UT is now responsible for the TGI experience.

Since there were new members on the committee, each member was asked to state their name, department and class.

Before the business meeting started, Jon Zirkle asked if someone would volunteer to be Secretary and take minutes of this meeting and all future meetings. Georganne Martin volunteered.

Old Business:

By – Law Change:

Reason for change: A member of the Steering Committee is not active. How does the Steering Committee remove and replace the non-active member?

The By- Law change was drafted by the 2009 Steering Committee. The change was given to Mike Travis, who is on the Charter Committee. The issue was discussed at length at the Holiday breakfast and remains unresolved.

Network Options:

The alumni association does not have an easy way for the alumni to stay connected and to reach everyone. There has been discussion in the past about the current web-site. There is not a free web-site and web-sites have to be maintained, updated, and are not interactive. The alumni may want to consider going to Face book, Share Point, or File net. If there was a net work set up on the state system there are several agencies such as THDA, Attorney General and Disability Services that have their own systems. The TGMI alumni who are no longer employees of the state would also be excluded. A Google group may be an option. No matter the decision, before it is pursued it will be presented to Kae Carpenter for review.

UT may be able to help with an alumni directory since they have taken over the TGI experience. UT would be responsible for keeping it updated. The system used by UT would be accessible to the TGMI alumni who are not currently part of state government and the alumni who work for agencies that have their own systems. It would need to be password protected.

Two main issues are the alumni directory and the alumni staying connected. Both items do not have to be with one particular group. UT could possibly do the directory and another internet base such as Face book, or Google could keep folks connected. This will be discussed with the legal team to make sure there are no privacy issues.

Speakers Bureau:

E. Ross White will be sending out an email to all alumni requesting volunteers to come forward to become a speaker for the Speakers Bureau. The speakers go to local high schools and talk about state government. What jobs are available? What they do for state government? What the benefits are? Motivate the students to study hard and the opportunities will be there.

New Business:

Communications Committee:

Chairperson: E. Ross White

Steering Committee Liaison: Mehran Mostijir

Member: Class reporters and April Wright

Community Service:

Chairperson: Robyn Probus

Steering Committee Liaison: Jon Zirkle

Membership: Chris Harris

Discussion: Robyn Probus had previously suggested that each new class of TGMI be challenged to choose a community project and coordinate it. The committee would keep previous community project available and implement the new challenge.

Chris Harris said there is an MS walk in April. The walk is 1 mile, 3 miles or 5 miles. He would be willing to help Robyn Probus organize this event. Members who are not available to walk could sponsor a walker. The link for MS is:

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/TNS/fundraising-events/walk-ms/about-the-walk/index.aspx>.

Events Committee:

Chairperson: Linda Cone (Maybe – E. Ross White will check with her.)

Steering Committee Liaison: Phyllis Hodges

Membership: Lisa Pugh, Julie Lamb, Mehran Mostijir

Education and Leadership Development Committee

Chairperson: Marilou Cook

Steering Committee Liaison: Linda Cone

Membership: Randy Camp, Julie Lamb, Mehran Mostijir, Saya Qualls

Discussion: It was agreed that the Events Committee along with the Education and Leadership Development Committee will have to work together to pull off a conference. TGEI Alumni Committee chaired by Kandi Thomas will be responsible for the conference. Due to the new organization, TGMI will be assisting. Jon Zirkle and E. Ross White will be meeting with DOHR concerning the JV process to bill agencies, which have alumni attending the conference.

Possible speakers would be:

- a. Dr. Tom Kohntopp from UT,
- b. Dr. McIntyre from UT,
- c. DOHR on Lead Tennessee,
- d. Agency representative to share what the agency does, awards they have received and how they are funded.

Many TGI alumni may not understand what LEAD Tennessee is. Why was it created? Where it is headed? A spokesperson from DOHR could share the idea the alumni. Explain how it will help feed TGI. Explain how it will be funded and the over all objectives of LEAD Tennessee.

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Dr. Kohntopp and Kae Carpenter will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the conference and the next 2010 class.

Respectively Submitted:

Georganne Martin