SOUTHERN REGION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2017, Conference Call 1-712-432-0075, 932643#

Southern Region Board Members:
☒ Lisa Lamkin, President ☒ Bob Keltner, Pres. Arkansas
☒ Tim McClure, President Elect ☒ Kerri Ranney, Int. SR Dir.
☒ Dillon Brady, Vice President ☒ Linda Courtney, Pres. Central TX
☐ Joe Irizarry, Past President ☒ Irene Nigaglioni Chair SR Fnd.
☒ Clay Clayton, Treasurer ☒ Brad Chilcote, Ark. State Dir.
☒ David Kaczynski, Secretary ☒ Kevin Moran, Pres. LA
☐ Gary Hutton, Communications ☒ Michael Holly, LA State Dir.
☐ Patrick Glenn, Membership ☒ Wayne Reynaud, Pres. North TX
☐ Gary Armbruster, OK State Dir. ☒ John Hansen, Pres. Oklahoma
☐ Gary Irizarry, Past President ☐ Ed Mullins, Pres. South TX

Non-Board Members at the Meeting:
☒ Donna Robinson, A4LE Dir. Member Care ☒ Edi Francesconi, A4LE Membership

A. Opening/Introductions and President’s Report:

- Call Meeting to Order (Lisa Lamkin) (3:04 PM CST)
  - Establish Board Quorum (12 Present?) ☒ Yes/ ☐ No (14 Present)

- Opening Remarks (Lisa Lamkin)
  - 2017-2108 Elections – Positions that will need to fill include:
    - Vice President (3 year commitment)
    - International SR Director (2 year term)

B. Action Items:

- Motion to approve the May 4, 2017 Southern Region Board Meeting Agenda
  Motion: David Second: Lowell
  Discussion: Any Additions, deletions or amendment(s): ☐ No Discussion
  - Added Action Item to select 2018 SR Conference host city.
  Vote: In favor: All Opposed: None Abstentions: None
  Motion: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed
o **Motion to approve the March 2, 2017 Southern Region Board Meeting Minutes**
   Motion: Lowell  Second: Tim
   Discussion: ☒ No Discussion
   Vote: In favor: All  Opposed: ☒ None  Abstentions: ☒ None
   Motion: ☒ Passed  ☐ Failed

o **Motion to approve the April 1, 2017 Southern Region Board Meeting Minutes**
   Motion: Clay  Second: Brad
   Discussion: ☐ No Discussion
   • Reviewed comments transcribed notes, appeared sufficient to capture discussion.
   Vote: In favor: All  Opposed: ☒ None  Abstentions: ☒ None
   Motion: ☒ Passed  ☐ Failed

o **Motion to hold the 2018 Southern Region Conference in Waco, TX**
   Motion: Clay  Second: Tim
   Discussion: ☐ No Discussion
   o Confirming what city we go to, cycling cities may be changing course
     • Waco is under evaluation, decent travel distances form all major member centers/chapters
     • Host cities typically have the highest member attendance, funds raised are higher
     • Highest paid/absent rates may also be highest at the host city
   Vote: In favor: All  Opposed: ☒ None  Abstentions: ☒ None
   Motion: ☒ Passed  ☐ Failed

C. **Informational Items and Discussion**

Chapter Updates:
  o Arkansas – Bob
    • Appreciate information received from Linda on Mentor Program
  o Central Texas – Linda
    • Chapter meeting in a few weeks, working on VP nomination committee
    • Conference topics to initiate development
    • SchoolsNext Team, progressing, going to Atlanta, 8th graders moving up, can compete in 9th grade
      o Clay recommended contacting the HS administration to confirm permission to participate
      o Dillon recommends 6 thru 8th grades, 6th is good for consistency/progression in 7th and 8th years
  o Gulf Coast – Todd – No report, absent
  o Louisiana – Kevin
    • Thrilled to have conference in NO, picked up momentum among chapter members
  o Oklahoma – John
    • Continuing to progress on Chapter development, working on attendance at events
      o Two new school districts for new membership
      o 2 SchoolsNext teams next year, possibly 4 teams the following year
  o South Texas – Ed
    • Chapter Mtg 70 + attendees
    • Board Meeting – Tool Kit or brief available describing benefits of membership
    • Membership runs from date of sign up for 1 year, prior discussion in years past at International
• Some financial gap issues for partial year memberships, extended or cut early to sync expirations to the end of the year
• Pro-rate membership to end of the year, then all renew in January

Finances (Separate accounts for SR and Chapters) (Clay Clayton)
  o SR Balance: Approximately $144,270 (as of May 2nd)
    • Potential budget adjustments, Budget will hold as previously approved, track actual expenses
  o Chapter Balances (To be provided from International accounting):
    • Arkansas: $
    • Central Texas $19,856.97
    • Gulf Coast $45,430.66
    • Louisiana $10,814.03
    • North Texas $21,254.78
    • Oklahoma $2,532.08
    • South Texas $23,710.18

Southern Region Foundation (Irene Nigaglioni)
  o Accounts:
    • Bank Account: Balance: $60,977.95
    • Investments: $219,282.02
    • Budget set for $80,000 for Foundation to cover scholarships and operations
      ▪ Expected expenses might be closer to $50,000
      ▪ Chapter Funding Request Form to be distributed in June
        • Due by August to include in Foundation budget for next year
          ▪ Chapter finances allow inflows of funds to Foundation
  o Scholarships
    • Scholarship for tuition in the Advanced Academy.
      o One (1) scholarship is issued yearly. Submission Deadline has passed.
        o Scholarship winner to be announced May 5th.
        o 4 excellent candidates, Board voted, letter not sent
    • Otto D. Grove Scholarship Award
      o Each academic year, five (5) student(s) will be selected as the recipients of a $3,000.00 Students will be selected from within the Southern Region.
      o Information packets, with required submission forms, on-line at www.a4le.org.
        o Tweaked required information on application form
        o Submiting via email to donna@a4le.org by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2017. Notification on July 1st
  • Student Scholarships - Scholarships for students attending college in the Fall in related fields to educational learning environments, Opens May 12th, Due June 9th, Notification July 1st
  • International Conference - for members interested in attending the conference in Atlanta, GA
    o Opens July 7th, Due August 8th, Notification August 18th
International Representation

- Update (Bill Stice, International Vice Chair) - Absent
- Update (Kerri Ranney, (International SR Director))
  - Kicked off 1st meeting for 3 Steering Committees, Chairs designated for 3 committees
  - Strategic Planning Committee, preparation to present to Board in July, intent to roll out to International membership at the International Conference

2017 Southern Region Conference Update (Tim McClure)

- Positive feedback from survey after conference, good suggestions were received
- Post Conference review meeting held by committee, to submit suggestions on improvements
- Incredible committee assisted with the Conference

2018 Southern Region Conference Update (Dillon Brady)

- See Action Item above. Waco, TX selected for next host city.

2017 Southern Region Items

- Communication – Newsletters (Gary)
  - Please submit photos, news worthy reports to Gary ASAP
  - Drafted Newsletter is with Lisa, to be sent to Donna tomorrow.

- New Business Items:
  - North Texas Chapter, consider standardizing Chapter Board positions/titles to allow improved communication among chapters.

D. SR Board Meeting/Event Schedule

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E. Adjournment

*Move to Adjourn the SR Board Meeting for May 4, 2017*

Motion: Clay  Second: Kerri

Discussion: ☒ No Discussion

Vote: In favor: All  Opposed: ☒ None  Abstentions: ☒ None

Motion: ☒ Passed  ☐ Failed

Time: 4:15 PM