



Texas Chapter

Governing Board/General Membership Meeting

September 7, 2008 – San Antonio, Texas

Called to Order by President Mary Ann Jeffers

7:30 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge was led by Betty Ann Lane, Fort Bend Chapter

Inspiration given by Dee Osbon, Hill Country

Introduction of Head Table- President Mary Ann Jeffers

Roll Call- Florence Drake, Secretary- Quorum present

Agenda was approved

Approval of Proposed Bylaws/ Standing Rules Amendments

Marilyn Burt

Motion made by By-Law's Chair to approve proposed changes as presented with addition to changes brought forth from committee meeting. Note: Committee Report.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved by the minutes committee which included VaLois Hounsel, Charlene Lambert and George Olivo. The minutes are posted on the website for review.

Nominating Committee Report was given and the 2009 Slate of Officers was presented to President Mary Ann Jeffers by Linda Sheinall, Chairman.

Motion made by Nominating Committee Chair, Linda Sheinall, to set aside the Standing Rules, Article II , A. (1) for this election only. Article II, A. Executive Officer Qualification, (1) members have held membership in

WCR Chapter for at least five years. **Motion passed.** No written report received.

Credentials Report given by Chairman, Vicki Palmer, reporting 47 voting delegates.

Election of 2009 Officers: Sandra Hunt, Greater West Houston Chapter, will automatically become President.

Slated candidate for President Elect, Deborah Spangler. Florence Drake was nominated from the floor for President Elect. Deborah Spangler, Houston 1960, was elected President Elect. Weighted vote count, 43-27.

Slated candidate for Secretary, Sharon Eddings. Sharon Eddings, Montgomery County Chapter, was elected Secretary.

Slated candidate for Treasurer, VaLois Housel. VaLois Housel, Southwest Dallas Chapter, was elected Treasurer.

Slated candidates for Governors: Sherry Hartford, Dallas Metro East Chapter, Jim Dambeck, Greater West Houston, Michelle Murray, Houston 1960 and Jackie Galvan, San Antonio Chapter. All candidates elected Governors.

Slated candidates for Texas District Vice Presidents: Angela Tomlin, Abilene, Sylvia Seabolt, Dallas Metro East, Kathleen Tacl, Houston Bay Area and Tish Narendorf, GW Houston. All candidates were elected TDVP's.

Election of 2009 Nominating Committee: Cindie Stewart, NETC; Ethel O'Dell, Montgomery County, Jim Dambeck, Greater West Houston, Barb Cooper, Austin, Rebecca Carlson, Fort Worth (Past President), Missy Stagers. Alternates: Marti Pattinson, Past president alternate. Alternate #1 Karen Carlton, #2 Sandy Miller.

Election of 2009 Strategic Planning Committee: Charlene Lambert, Kenya Burrell, David Burton, Cherin Cox, Vicki Palmer, and Patti St. Louis.

Officers Reports

President Mary Ann Jeffers encouraged chapters to continue to work on membership recruitment, retention and applauded the work done by the local chapters in 2008. Thanked the Ways and Means Committee for a very successful Networking Event.

President Elect Sandra Hunt reviewed the upcoming Orientation and encouraged all local chapters to please register their incoming line officers. The Orientation will include great speakers, classes and MCE hours. Strategic Advertisers are still needed for the Orientation.

Secretary, Florence Drake reported that membership was 1847 and our local Chapters numbered 25 (Local Chapter, Corpus Christi has disbanded). All Governors visited their respective chapters and submitted their required Governing Board reports on their Chapter Visits and at this time, Governors have submitted 3 of their quarterly reports. 65% of the local chapters have submitted to state their monthly minutes. **105** National Members were in attendance. Written report submitted.

Treasurer, Sharon Eddings gave the Financial report as of August 31, 2008. Treasurer reported that budget is on track and monitoring budget closely due to the economy. Detailed report submitted.

Governor VaLois Hounsel, Area A, verbal report given and received.

Governor Deborah Spangler, Area B, verbal report given and received.

Governor Barb Cooper, Area C, verbal report given and received.

Governor Jim Dambeck, Area D, verbal report given and received.

Regional Vice President, Linda Sheinall, announced that the Regional was well received by those attending.

Standing Committee Reports

By-Laws/Standing Rules: Chair Marilyn Burt: Report submitted.

Motion made by Marilyn Burt to amend proposed By-Laws, Article VIII, Sec. 1, (D), to replace the second sentence of the proposed change...The Past presidents Committee shall appoint an alternate from among themselves to serve in the absence of the national Focus Committee Chair... to read as follows...in the absence of the National Focus Committee Chair, the Vice Chair of the National Focus Committee shall serve." **Motion passed.**

Motion made to amend Article VIII, Sec 2. To remove the words" ...at least...". **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Marilyn Burt to add to proposed changes to **Standing Rules**, Article II. Elections, sec. A (6)...has attended 3 out of the last 4 State Meetings as well as attend 2 out of the last 4 National Meetings, and has attended and/or participated in a National Forum.

Article II, sec. B (5) has attended 3 out of the last 4 State Meetings as well as attended 2 out of the last 4 National Meetings and has attended and /or participated in a National Forum.

Article II, sec C (5) has attended 2 out of the last 4 State Meetings as well as attended 1 out of the last 4 National Meetings and as attended and/or participated in a National Forum.

Article V, Sec. E. Special Committees, 4. Member of the Year, a. Annually selects the Member of the Year no later than 30 days prior to the State Awards Presentation.

Article V, Sec. E. 5. Affiliate of the Year, a. Annually selects an Affiliate of the Year no later than 30 days prior to the State Awards Presentation.

Article V, Sec. E. 5.b. strike all of b. Replace with... The chairman shall be the most recent award recipient willing and able to serve. The balance of the Committee shall be made up of One Past President, One Governor, One Texas District Vice President, and One local Chapter President, who are appointed by the President.

Motions passed.

Education Committee: Chair, David Burton. Written submitted.

Finance and Budget: Chair, Jackie Arnette. Written report submitted.

Motion passed to amend motion from Finance and Budget to transfer an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the General Reserve to cover any shortfall on line item 9040 for 2008 only.

Motion passed to accept 2009 amended Budget.

Nation Focus: Chair, Becky Hill. Written Report submitted.

Motion made by the chair to amend Standing Rules, Article VI-B(4)-Expense reimbursement.

4. National Chairmen.

a. Shall include any non-funded Texas member serving as a National Chairman, Vice Chariman, Appointed or elected Member of a National Committee or an Education Presenter at either of the National meetings.

b. Will receive reimbursement for hotel based on double occupancy, early airfare and early registration fees only, not to exceed the total amount approved annually in the budget by the National Focus Committee and the governing board. Chairs and Vice Chairs shall have individual allocations and other committee members and/or presenters at a national meeting shall share equally in the total amount allocated for this purpose.

c. add....Proper receipts must be sent to the state chapter Treasurer no later than December 1st, along with the request for reimbursement.

d. The funds will come from the national future Leadership reserve Campaign and Support sub account.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Becky Hill that the annual \$10,000.00 budgeted amount, per the Standing Rules, continue to be allocated to the National Future Leader Reserve Installation sub account, however that a portion of these funds may be made available for the funding of members serving on National Committees until these Funds are needed for a future National Inaugural. **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Becky Hill that state fund \$8000. 00 during 2009 to assist with the travel expenses of Texas Chapter members who will be serving on National WCR Committees and/or who are selected to be presenters at a National WCR meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Strategic Planning: Chair, Carol Reynolds. Report given and submitted.

Marketing: Chair, Elizabeth Leal. No Committee Meeting. Report submitted.

Special Committee Reports

Affiliates: Chair, Sharon Eddings. Report given and submitted.

Affiliate of the Year: Chair, Sharon Eddings.

Business Woman of the Year: Chair, Linda Sheinall. Report given.

Chapter Recognition: Chair, Jennifer Stroh. Chair moved to standardize the awards given. Motion amended to standardize the awards given to the Member of the year, Affiliate of the Year and Business Woman of the Year. Awards and Gifts to be as follows: \$100.00 allotment for a plaque; reimbursement of current year's dues; \$200.00 American Express card and 1 single yellow rose. The Winners will be recognized at the Winter Meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Hospitality: Chair, VaLois Hounsel. Report given and submitted.

Investments: Chair, David Burton. Committee recommends to review investment opportunities in the February 2009 meeting. Chair moved to liquidate the two First Investor accounts and move back into General reserve account. **Motion passed.**

Chair, David Burton moved to allow the 4CD's at the San Antonio Credit union to mature and have the liquid funds remain in the individual year accounts. **Motion passed.**

Member of the Year: Jackie Arnette. Report given and Submitted.

Newsletter: Chair, Sylvia Seabolt. Report Given and Submitted.

Orientation: Chair, Sandra Hunt. Report given and submitted.

Past Presidents: Chair, Sandy Miller. Report given and submitted.

Strategic Partners: Chair, Jim Dambeck. Report given and submitted.

Technology: Chair, Barb Cooper. Report given and submitted.

Ways and Means: Chair, Ronda Hussleman. Report given and submitted.

Credentials: Chair, Vicki Palmer. Report given and submitted.

Announcements: President Mary Ann Jeffers asked LCP's to please register for 2009 Orientation and to please register for WCR Orlando Convention. Thanked everyone for their attendance.

Adjourned: 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Drake, ABR, GRI, LTG, PMN

2008 WCR State Secretary

