

**Greater Cincinnati ASPA**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**October 10, 2008**  
**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45219**

GCC-ASPA President Jeff Aluotto called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

**Members present:** Jeff Aluotto, Marilyn Osborne, Shannon Brower, Kerri Castlen, Jim Cundiff, Shamima Ahmed, Evelyn Sears, Chris Lawson, and Justin Otto

**Members absent:** Teri Nau, and Jerry Newfarmer

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Cundiff presented the report from October. All members of the board were given a moment to review the report. There were neither questions nor discussion about the report. Report was approved. Ms. Osborne motioned and Ms. Castlen seconded the motion. No members were opposed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Board members were provided with a copy of the minutes from October's meeting. After a moment to review the minutes there was neither questions nor discussion about the minutes. Minutes were approved. Mr. Lawson motioned and Dr. Ahmed seconded the motion. No members were opposed.

Ms. Brower then brought up the issue of where to put the minutes on the website. Ms. Caselen recommended that she create a history tab to place them under. Then Mr. Aluotto suggested that Ms. Brower should create a link under the Board Tab, place the minutes there, and call it Board Minutes. This idea was chosen and Ms. Brower will begin posting approved minutes under this tab.

Next, Mr. Aluotto displayed the recently purchased paperweights that will be given to the program presenters as a token of appreciation. For the record this issue was voted on via e-mail and was passed by a 9-0 vote with 2 abstentions. Sixteen were purchased and cost the chapter \$110.45.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Aluotto asked that Chris Lawson introduce himself to the group. He is new to the board and this was the first meeting that he attended this year.

Mr. Aluotto then asked what the topic of the next several programs would be. Mr. Lawson, the program chair, stated that he would like to see topics on Regional Transportation, the upcoming Census, and another discussion on Tough Economic Times. After a short discussion the following topics were decided upon. January:

Commissioner Pepper, at NKU; February: Regional Transportation; March: 2010 Census; April: Banquet.

The meeting continued with discussion about possible dates for January's program. The board decided that it will be on either the 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pending on room availability at NKU and on the availability of Mr. Pepper. Mr. Aluotto requested that Mr. Laws contact Mr. Pepper about speaking at the January meeting. Dr. Ahmed suggested that Mr. Pepper present on the interaction between elected officials and public administrators. Ms. Castlen recommended that it be geared toward students.

Mr. Otto elaborated on his previous idea of participating in a local service project. The Public Admin Student Society (PASS) of NKU will participate and invited GCC-ASPA to participate in the Give Back Cincinnati Fall Feast. This event is held at the Duke Convention Center from 10-2 on Thanksgiving, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Mr. Otto requested that Mr. Laws send out a flyer to the organization about the event.

Finally, Mr. Lawson brought up a recruiting event where he wants GCC-ASPA to set up a booth. The event is called Bolt Fusion. This matter was tabled for next month's meeting. Along this same topic, Ms. Castlen requested that we begin using some type of alternative media, such as Facebook to market our organization. The board decided that the topic of recruitment should be placed on the January Agenda, and be discussed at length.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51. Ms. Osborne motioned, and Ms. Castlen seconded the motion.