

South Florida Chapter ASPA- Board Meeting- 9/12/05

Meeting was called to order by Roslyn Alic-Batson at 5:40 PM and introductions were made by all members present.

Members present: Roslyn Alic-Batson, Angie de Limas, Ray de Arrigunaga, Steven Bobes, Bill Solomon, David lane, Elizabeth LeSueur, Terry Murphy, Alan Rosenbaum.

Members absent: Kim Loutzenhiser, Anita Gibboney, Sarah Ruen

Guest(s) present: Glenn Joseph

Minutes from 8/7/05 were moved by Steven and seconded by Ray, unanimous approval

Treasurer's Report: Steven reported on the past three months including June, July and August, 2005. Revenues- \$364.30; Expenses- \$961.23 with a net loss of \$596.93. This was attributed to \$500.00 expended for the student scholarship, \$251.95 in luncheon expenses and the cost for awards. The net worth as of August 2005 is \$16,171.71.

Ray moved acceptance and Bill Seconded, unanimous approval.

Community/Volunteers: Steven will be working on a date in December for the Holiday toy drive. Ray initiated a discussion on donating aid to Louisiana in the form of money, staff and other resources. Bill was tasked to email Tom and Cynthia Lynch in Baton Rouge to see what the Chapter could do to help. Bill will communicate by email to the Board on the findings. The Board agreed to then make a decision based on the feedback on the type of assistance that will be given to Louisiana..

Government Close-Up: Ray spoke with two of the three lead teachers to see if they would be interested in involving their classes in a program this year. He spoke to the magnet lead teachers at Miami Senior and Miami Carol City, leaving a message for Miami Coral Reef's teacher. Ray plans to meet these teachers for lunch to discuss the plan for the students. A possible topic could be "Interrelationship of Government on Natural Disasters."

Membership: Anita will compose a letter to expired members and Roslyn will sign and send it out. Alan Rosenbaum will also send out a letter to recent graduates from FIU to inform them about ASPA and the benefits of membership. Bill can provide an Expired Members report from the ASPA web site whenever the committee requests one.

Newsletter: David is in the process of completing the next quarterly newsletter and has been assisting with the web site development.

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Professional Development: Angie reported that the September 7th event had 23 paid participants to listen to Steve Liebowitz talking about Planning. October 5th will be the next event featuring Bert Oliva who will discuss Networking. Professional Development events are planned in the calendar on a monthly basis.

Program: Ray confirmed that the flyers for the September 21st luncheon with Kathryn Fernandez Rundle were sent out to all members and to the PIO listing by email sent by Bill. The calendar will be discussed later in the agenda. Ray wanted to have a reception for networking and membership, possibly hosted by Bacardi.

By Laws: Terry Murphy will work on editing the existing By Laws with the assistance of Steven Bobes and Glenn Joseph. He plans to have the edits completed prior to the next election of officers so it can be sent to the membership for approval.

Old Business:

Web Site: Roslyn asked for information from all committee chairs on what their committees are doing to be placed on the web site- www.aspaonline.org/southfla

Survey: Glenn Joseph will work on revisions to the survey and provide it to the board for review.

Calendar Review: Ray presented an updated calendar for review.

Mementos for Departing Board and Officers: Ray discussed issuing plaques to Board members and officers starting with the last board and officers. Ray and Bill will work on the list of names of those members.

New Business:

New Chapter Stationery: Roslyn is working on new stationery with the new logo.

Expired Members: Ray wants calls to be made to those past members that have expired. Roslyn wants to get the list and do a phone bank to call these members to try to bring them back into the chapter.

Ray suggested that members receive notice of Board meetings. This will also be on the web site.

Angie mentioned that Ray de Arrigunaga and Alina Hudak had their profiles in the P A Times and there would be four more in the future.

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Bill and Terry will be presenting papers at the SECoPA Conference in Little Rock. Steven Bobes will also be attending.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: Monday October 17, 2005 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Bill Solomon, Acting Secretary