

District 5 Credit Professionals International
Annual Meeting Minutes
Branson, MO
March 26, 2010

There were 14 in attendance: Linda Bridgeford, Charles Gordon, Kathryn Greiner, Barbara Hall, Sandy Harvey, Sue Heusing, Jean Jervis, Deanne Stieb, Steve Lindgren, Charmaine and Jim Lucas, Martha Philip, Cindy Westenhofer. Maurice Mashek attended as a guest.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Lucas at 12:51 p.m.

Roll call was taken by Kathryn. There were representatives from the Ann Arbor, Illiana, Indianapolis, West Central IL, and Lincoln NB associations. The Goshen and Jackson associations were absent. There was a quorum.

The minutes from the March 21, 2009 Annual Meeting were approved as corrected by email, and are printed in the meeting portfolio.

Treasurer's Report: Barb moved and Steve seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report as corrected, showing a balance of \$10,445.90 as of 3/25/10. Sue moved and Barb seconded a motion to approve the proposed 2010-11 budget. Both motions passed.

President's Report: Jim's theme this year was "Dream to believe, believe to accomplish, accomplish to be successful." He was able to donate \$500 from the sale of Money In Motion books, and plans to continue to do this for the scholarship fund. Jim provided 20 of the books at no cost to the Goshen Association to be used in their credit education program. Jim introduced the past International and District presidents in attendance. Jim thanked the officers and committee chairs for their support during his presidency.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Board: Kathryn had no report.

Advisory/Education: Martha Philip said a member would be awarded Credit Professional of the Year at Saturday's banquet.

Budget/Finance: Kathryn reported that she forwarded the 2009-10 budget as amended in the 2009 Annual meeting to the membership. She established a savings account to hold the \$3,878.31 transferred from CI/GNC last fall, to be used for future scholarships as agreed at the 2009 Annual meeting. \$1,000 of those funds were spent on 2009 scholarship winners, and the fund grew with a \$500 donation from Jim Lucas and \$200 in a special raffle at this conference. Kathryn will transfer the District's funds to Steve Lindgren, so he can set up a new bank account for District 5 in Lincoln.

Bylaws: Sue reported that the bylaws changes were approved by email in 2009. She suggested that we consider eliminating the VP position since there are fewer willing candidates, so that if no one would serve we could have a minimum of two: president and secretary/treasurer. Barb moved that this change to Article 5, Section 1 on officers be referred to the new bylaws chairperson. Jean seconded and the motion passed.

Membership/Education: Charles had no report.

Scholarship: Steve reported that four students, hailing from Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois, received a \$250 award in 2009. May 15, 2010 is the deadline for this year's high school seniors essay contest submissions. Lincoln HS contacted Steve and complimented this year's essay topic. Charlie, Kathryn and Barb volunteered to judge entries. Sue suggested winner's names be published in CPI publications and our website, as long as we get a release from the students and parents on future applications.

Nominating: Jean made a motion to accept the following slate of District 5 officers:
President: Charles Gordon
Vice President: Kathryn Greiner
Secretary/Treasurer: Steve Lindgren
Sue seconded and the motion passed.

Public Relations: Cindy encouraged the associations to publicize their meetings on the CPI website. She has made a lot of changes to simplify the site, and asked that we report errors to her for correction. Our high school scholarship application is now available on our website. Cindy did a presentation at the conference to explain how to maneuver through our website.

Ways and Means: Martha and Charmaine announced there was a 50-50 raffle at lunch, and there were 4 baskets to raffle later. The fundraising income will be split 3-ways: 1/3 to MACA, 1/3 to District 7&9, and 1/3 to District 5. Jim brought an item to raffle just for the District 5 Scholarship fund, which would not be split.

Audit: Jean stated that she reviewed the Treasurer's report and everything is in order.

Parliamentary Advisor: Linda had no report.

International Rep: Jean Jervis, our current President, brought greetings from the International office. She thanked the out-going officers and congratulated the in-coming officers. Jean invited us to the CP International conference to be held June 17-20, 2010 in Bentonville/Rogers, Arkansas, and reminded us that 2012 is our 75th anniversary. Jean encouraged us to visit the website to vote for international officers, and said that our frequent use of the website will keep CPI at the top of the search engines. Jean thanked Martha and Sue for their work on Strategic Planning, and Linda for getting articles for our publications. She asked that we purchase a \$25 H (discount) card, organized by Carol Neal as a fundraiser. (\$25 of the purchase price goes to International.)

Fall Seminar: There was discussion regarding a Fall Seminar that would be hosted by the Goshen or Jackson association to make it easier for their members to get the education provided at a District meeting. Jean moved and Steve seconded a motion to table the discussion until the New President's meeting. Motion passed.

Other Business: As International Conference Chair, Sue said the speakers and tour are in place for the June 17-20th conference in Bentonville. In 2012 the conference will be held in Charlotte, NC, and in 2012 the International conference will be held in St. Louis, MO. Sue will also attend the Missouri MACA Association meeting today to suggest that they consider amending their bylaws to allow them to come to District 5 conferences in other states in future years – because we all benefit from the larger meetings. Next year's MACA/District 7&9 spring conference will be held in Tulsa, OK.

Sue said that she would do the installation of new officers for all three associations at once to save time at our banquet.

The date, time and location of the next Annual Meeting to be announced at a later date. Barb moved and Jean seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Greiner, Secretary/Treasurer