

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2009

Members Present

George Zukotynski
Jesse Neely
Lamont Price
Thomas Dowdy

Members Absent

Kandi Thomas
Melinda Williams
Danielle Barnes
Mac Purdy
Jamie Kilpatrick
Karen Eddy, DOHR

Members Present Via Conference Line

Brian Senecal

Call to Order

Chairman George Zukotynski called the June 4, 2009 Steering Committee Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Review of March 12 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved without change

Officers and Committee Reports

Treasurer presented documentation of current balance of TGEI accounts. There was no discussion

No other reports were presented.

Old Business

TGI Directory

A survey about the TGEI Directory created by Dr. Zukotynski was sent to 400 alumni. Twenty-six responses were received. Five of the twenty-six reported using the directory within the past year, most others reported no usage with two responders stating they did not know the directory existed prior to the survey. Further discussion was tabled to open discussion on the essence and goal of the TGEI Alumni organization.

New Business

There was discussion on the future of the alumni organization. George is concerned that the organization may be in decline, and that the steering committee is not addressing the issues in a timely manner. George asked for comments from the members present.

Brian suggested that we not be deterred by the low response rate to the recent survey, or today's meeting. With the voluntary buyout last year with no reduction in work load, Edison, the increase in budget cuts last month, and the uncertainty of the future of the economy, he believes alumni are distracted. Given that, he recommends that we be

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patient this year, and work with what we have done in the past (the training, the breakfast, the gold tournament) and enhance those efforts.

Brian addressed the concern the most recent class is not as motivated as years past, referencing previous statements of the economy, as well as his suspicions that UT was distracted with this last class (maybe due to losing the state contract), and the fact that class voting was not well organized, all contributing factors. However, he believes that if activities are planned, the most recent class will be motivated to participate.

Brian favored working with whomever's responsible at DOHR to build, update, and improve the membership lists, rather than making this the year to revamp the website, but is willing to help out no matter what the direction.

Thomas asked for a spreadsheet showing the membership by agency and by occupational groups. He believes that the organization needs to determine a way to create value to the members between the members. He suggests determining groupings that have a intuitive relationship, either by work area (ex: DOC, Probation / Parole, AOC) or by occupation (Information Systems, Admin, Accounting, etc). Thomas suggests that once the groupings are determined, the Steering Committee investigate ways to encourage meetings within the groups.

Lamont encourages the committee to also continue those activities that have proven successful in the past: the leadership lunches, and outings.

Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next meeting is set for August 6, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in the Andrew Jackson Building, 15th Floor. The conference line will be available for our next meeting. The conference line telephone numbers are 532-5082 (local) and 1-866-947-6428 (long distance).

List of topics and reports for June meeting:

- Community Service Project
- Leadership Lunch
- TGEI Directory
- TGEI Hosting
- TGEI Orientation